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Universities lower science standards

STANDARDS of entry for science degree courses are lower than they were 20 years ago even in long-established universities, a new study has shown. The research from Brunel University reveals that universities have had to lower standards because not enough bright sixth-formers are choosing to read maths and science. Researchers fouod that the requirements for eotry to science courses in old universities had fallen by about half an A-level grade. Page 3

Mine campaign

A 22-year-old artist has brought together some of the higgest names from the worlds of politics, sport, design, music and a host of other disciplines to join in the fight against landmines. With no money and only a vision to spur her on, Rebekah Gilbertson persuaded the rich and famous to contribute an image of a hand or foot to be published in a booklet entitled Handlines.

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THE Tories are to become the car drivers' champions as party strategists seized an opportunity to cash in on motorists' fears that greener transport will cost them money. Sir Norman Fowler, will kick off the campaign today with a series of Parliamentary questions and an attack on plans for a series of new taxes oo motorists.

Red faces at Louvre

THE Louvre lost a painting on Sunday and 20,000 people lost their tempers. It was not the higgest or the most valuable painting in the Louvre, but it was gone. All entrances to the huilding were blocked by police for nearly three bours.

Business news

Markets muted

CITY traders who turned up for work yesterday found themselves twiddling their thumbs as European financial markets gave a muted reaction to the weekend's "ECB presidency fudge". Pages 10 and 20

Sports news

United lift gloom

MANCHESTER United lifted the gloom over Old Trafford following Arsenal's championship triumph by beating Leeds United Sport, page 27 3-0 yesterday.



Drugs 'kill cancer tumours'

By Kate Watson-Smyth

A COMBINATION of drugs which has been found by researchers in the United States to kill tumours in mice was last night hailed as a significant breakthrough in the search for a cure for cancer. The news took Wall Street by storm as shares in the company boping to market the drugs leapt oearly six-fold. The drugs, angiostatin and endostatin, work by cutting off the blood supply to the tumours. When the drugs were given intravenously to mice, tumours shrunk before disappearing altogether. They also appear to prevent the spread of tumours.

professor and researcher at Boston Children's Hospital who discovered the treatment, called the combination of proteins "very promising", but warned that their success might not work on humans. "We have to be careful with expectations," he said.

It is impossible to speculate which types of human cancer might respond to the new drugs, but Dr Folkman said that they had eliminated forms of colon, prostate, breast and brain cancers in mice. So far, he added, researchers had not found a form of cancer in mice which they could not defeat. Dr Richard Klausner, director

start testing on a small oumber of humans within a year. "I am putting nothing on higher priority than getting this into clinical tris," he told the New York Times. Shares in Entremed, of Maryland - which is hoping to market the two drugs - started trad-

> In London, Professor Karol Sikora, head of the World Health Organisation's cancer programme, said it was a "very exciting devel-

but later settled back to \$59.

Dr Judah Folkman, a Harvard of the US National Cancer Insti- would be a long time before it was tute, said the initial studies were available as a treatment. remarkable and that he hoped to "It is one of the most exciting

things that is on the horizon, but

if people have cancer now, I'm afraid it won't help them at all," he said. "It will be two years before we know if it works. We have been this close to success before and it just hasn't panned out.

"There is a long way to go between the animal experiments a marked difference on tumour ing on the Nasdaq stock exchange at \$12.06, at one point reached \$85, which have been done successfully and getting a drug which works successfully for a cancer patient each time. It very definitely works in mice, but the trouble is we don't know whether you can transfer this opmcot" hut warned that it to humans," Professor Sikora said.

the Imperial Cancer Research Fund medical oncology unit, and an expert on angiogenesis, said: "This is an extension of previous work on endostatins which was published last year. Endostatin, when given alone, has shown to have an anti-tumour effect, as has angiostatin. The two drugs work using different mechanisms, and using them together has

growth in experimental systems." The development of the drugs which are fragments of protein found in human blood - is the end of a 30-year research process.

Tumours need blood vessels to provide them with the nutrients

Professor Adrian Harris, head of and growth factors, which they use to grow unchecked. Endostatin, the most powerful inhibitor of bloodvessel growth known, is a protein that has to be injected. However, it is also expensive and may have long-term toxic side-effects

The new proteins eliminate the flow of blood to the tumour.In addition, tumours treated with endostatin do not develop a resistance to the drug, as they can do with chemotherapy drugs.

In one experiment, when protein treatments were stopped among some mice, their tumours returned. But once the drugs were re-administered continuously, the tumours receded.



Gary Trotter, who objects to his son's Catholicism, being ejected from a church where the boy was making his First Communion

Middle East agrees: peace deal is dead

By Robert Fisk Middle East Correspondent

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU and Yasser Arafat came to London yesterday, dragged the corpse of the Oslo Agreement out of its coffin and - with respective satisfaction and despair - threw it back into the ground. Hours of fruitless talks between the US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, and Israeli and Palestinian leaders - they were due to meet separately again last night - proved that the "peace process" for which President Clintoo promised his full support in 1993 is in effect dead. The losers at least for now - are the

Palestinians. The day began with individual visits to Downing Street by Mr Netanyahu and Mr Arafat, both of whom thanked the Prime Minister for his encouragement, but then went on to hlame each other for the collapse of the Oslo agreement.

Arab world if the original land-forpeace deal agreed in Washington was not fulfilled. Mr Netanyahu's spokesman warned that if the deal was "land-for-terrorism", Israel could oo longer continue talking. Mr Netanyahu's advisers remained publicly optimistic, talking in hopeful soundbites. Israel had gone the "extra mile", Mr Netanyahu himself said. But US officials apparently did not discover what this extra mile was. Nor - in five hours of mostly intense talks with Mr Netanyahu - did Mrs Albright.

The Palestinians openly admitted that they now accepted a forthcoming Israeli withdrawal from only 13 per cent of occupied Palestinian land, which was America's "compromise" proposal to break Mr Netanyahu's insistence on giving up only another nine per cent. But a glance at the original Oslo agreement shows what a mockery the discussions have now

Mr Arafat warned of "chaos" in the become of the document so solemnly signed by Israel and the PLO five years ago. Under the terms of the September 13, 1993 treaty, Israel should oow have withdrawn from much of the West

> Mr Arafat warned of 'chaos' ...

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'land-for-terrorism'

Bank and Gaza strip in preparation for final status talks on refugees and settlements next year. But the PLO still control only four per cent of the land for themselves - a larger part is under joint Israeli and Palestinian control - and Mr

Netanyahu, far from discussing Jewish settlements oext year, is busy building more oo occupied land close to Jerusalem. Mr Arafat, who is supposed to be in charge of security in PLO territory, oow boasts 12 intelligence services (he is allowed three under Oslo) and his secret service men have killed

14 Palestinians in PLO detention. Yet he is now being asked by the Israelis to demonstrate greater security for them with fewer policemen; his 40,000 police are way over the Oslo permitted figure. The figures of 13 per cent and nine per cent over which the two sides

to the any paragraph in the Oslo agreement. While Mrs Albright lunched with the Israeli leader at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Mr Arafat sat in his suite at Claridges hotel, expressing his ever greater resentment at being kept waiting.

"We only came because the Amer-

are now haggling bear no relation

icans asked us," Saeb Erekat, one of his ministers, said. Mrs Albright called to apologise, but Mr Arafat then kept her waiting for half an hour before turning up at the Churchill Hotel.

As photographers took their pictures in the conference room, Mr Arafat sat in silence, staring for much of the time at the floor.

He left within 90 minutes, unsmiling and in silence. "The Palestinians have accepted the figure of 13 per cent," Mr Erekat said. "But what we want is the full implementation of Oslo ... we are not optimistic about the talks." In the Churchill Hotel, US officials glumly admitted that the "peace process" appeared to be near an end.

Behind them in the lobby stood the bust of Winston Churchill. himself a fervent Zionist but one who by 1948 pronounced Palestine a "hell-disaster". He would have said the same again yesterday.

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Father in unholy row over son's communion

By Diana Blamires

IT SHOULD have been a sacred moment - a child making his First Communion, watched by friends and family. Instead, it turned into a brawl, with the father evicted from the church

Members of the congregation at Our Lady of Peace Catholic church in Burnham, Buckinghamshire, put Gary Trotter, 41, in a headlock before dragging him out. One worshipper shouted that he wanted to "ethnically cleanse" him.

The trouble began when Mr Trotter, whn objected to his son Luke becoming a Catholic, approached the priest who conducted the service, Fr Thuy Brennan, to hand over a letter and explain to worshippers what he was doing. It was then that members of the

congregation pounced on him. Fr Brennan tried to intervene but more churchgoers leapt nn Mr Trotter. Women burst into tears and a man threatened to kill Mr Trotter. who claims his son's school is indoctrinating him into the Catholic faith against his will.

He said Luke had "told me on several occasions he did not want to take part in the church service and I have tried for several months to tell the school and the priest about this." Luke is at Our Lady of Peace School in Burnham. His mother, Jacqueline Corriette, who is separated from Mr Trotter, bad consented to his taking part in the service.

A spokesman for the Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees said that they bad sought legal advice before the ceremony. "Luke's presence at the school and the

... wishes of his mother were reasons enough for accepting he should make his First Holy

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Ulster peace woman forced out of home AKILLER who stabbed his victim with a 9th-knife was being hunted by police at a seaside re-

By Kim Sengupta in Belfast

THE Protestant co-leader of the noo-sectarian Northern Ireland Women's Coalition has had to community. move home because of intimidation by loyalists.

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and ber husband, Chris, a for-mer British soldier who served nonsense" in the future.

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Ms Sagar moved to a oew home a while ago, but she decided not to publicise the matabout what happened. Instead she says, it made her deterhome in east Belfast after she work so that others would not

She has, however, a long way to go. Her 18-year-old daughter, Naomi, has been asked to stay away from the same Protestant area because her fiancé is

The work of the coalition, which seeks to cut across class as well as religious barriers, bas been widely praised, among others, by Nelson Mandela, Bill Cliatoo and the British

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"Naomi's fiancé is a Catholic, and when she went into a pub in the same area she

would hear something and then liners opposed to the settlement. the nationalists get to hear

Ms Sagar said: The decision about it. But that is, of course, "I find it odd that people

should put so much stress on religion. When I met my husband, Chris, it did not occur to me if run candidates for the subsewas told to stay away. I suppose he was a Protestant or a quent election.

Ms Sagar and Ms Mc-Williams founded the coalition two years ago and then woo places at the Northern Ireland forum and Stormont after polling more than 7,000 votes in their first election. The coalition will be campaigning for a "yes" vote in the referendum and will then decide whether to

Ms Sagar said: "We moved homes a while ago, and one can only hope things are getting

There is a great mood of change and people are fed up

with politics on sectarian lines. "I was not really interested politics until I joined the coalition, and all we are trying to do is put forward the expectations and worries of ordinary

Dealing with diehards, page 6

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sort last night. Mark Ogden, 22, was killed on Sunday night in a flat in Torquay and police are still hunting the weapon, thought to have a triangular-shaped blade and possibly a black handle.

The killer is described as a 6ft, white, aged 18 or 19, and with skinhead style hair.

'End of canteens'

FIRMS might replace staff canteens with food vending machines next year, when the national minimum wage is introduced. A Staffordshirebased vending company, Springbank Industries, said it was predicting massive growth in the use of vending machines in offices as a direct result of the minimum wage.

Holiday hold-up

THOUSANDS of motorists who spent their bank holiday Monday heading for the coast were stuck in three-mile tailbacks after a horsebox carrying two horses overturned and shutone of Britain's busiest motorways. The M20 near West Malling in Kent, had to be closed yesterday lunchtime because of the accideot.

Scots factory 'safe'

GORDON BROWN was vesterday assured that a £2bn microchip plant planned for Scotland by a South Korean electronics giant will be completed despite the Asian economic crisis.

The Chancellor, on a factfinding tour of Asia, was reassured by executives of the Hyundai company in Sconli about the plant, which is earmarked for Dunfermline and could create up to 1,800 jobs.

Wright on song

STEVE WRIGHT is to front the European end of a global pop show to be launched by CNN next month. The BBC DJ will present the show on World Beat, which the makers promise will be "the first ever truly global music album chart".

Injured boxer still critical

By Kate-Watson-Smyth

SPENCER OLIVER, the boxer who had emergency surgery to remove a blood clot from his brain after collapsing during a bout at the Royal Albert Hall, remained in a critical condition

A spokeswoman at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in London. said the super-bantamweight was still in a "critical but stable" condition.

She said the 22-year-old boxer's coodition had not improved during the day and he was still on a veotilator in in-

Oliver, who was recently named Young Boxer of the Year, had a three-hour operatioo oo Saturday to remove a blood clot after being knocked down in the 10th round as he



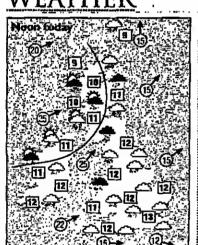
that boxing is organised."

have suffered brain damage.



Skirting the issue: Chicken Shed Theatre Company actors trying out costumes in London yesterday for its production of Stravinsky's Rite Of Spring. The designs are by students at the London Institute, where the show will be staged from next Wednesday for four nights

WEATHER



Rain over Northern keland and Scotland will be replaced by a mixture of sunshine and blustery showers for a time. The best of any sunshine will be in eastern Scotland with the heaviest showers in the west, and steadier rain will return to Northern Ireland before evening. England and Wales will be mostly cloudy with rain spreading to many areas, although the heaviest will be in the north. In the south-west it will be drizzly and the south-east will stay dry and quite bright for a white.

Outlook for the next few days Unsettled and breezy through Wednesday and Thursday with blustery showers across Scotland, some heavy and prolonged in the north and west, with the best sunny spets in the east. Further south it will be cloudier. although the far south will be dry for a white. On Friday and Saturday rain over Wates and central England will move northwards into Northern Ireland and southern Scotland, leaving it warm across southern England.

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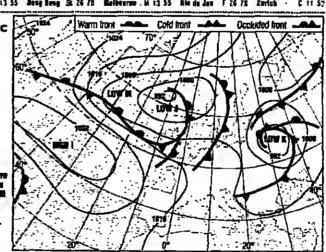
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WILLIAM **HARTSTON** WEATHER WISE

FLOODING and mudslides in Ecuador bave killed 214 people and left 42 missing in fence officials blame El Niño. to starve ten million; meteorologists attribute it to El Niño. Major floods are presummer; according to the side sweep past United. Xinhua News Agency, this is "partly owing to El Nifio".

On Saturday, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County

"As we go into the summer we may expect an increase inrats because of the El Niño weather conditions." And there's another worry too: killer bees. "The Africanised boney bees are coming because the rains bave caused the desert to bloom."

A new game is storming the world. Anyone can play "Blame It On El Niño": all you oeed is a modicum of meteorology and a good imagination. Why was the first test match against the West Indies washed out? El Niño related downpours. Why were all the other tests so exciting? Because the El Niño related drought caused cracked and

unpredictable pitches. Why did Arsenal win the the past six months; civil de- Premiership? Low pressure areas of damp, warm air, cre-A drought in Brazil threatens ated by El Niño and carried by the Gulf Stream, dumped their rains oo Manchester, casting depression over the dicted for South China this area and letting the London

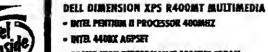
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And why do weather forecasters sometimes get things wrong? Well I blame El Niño. You can never tell what it's go-Department of Health said: ing to be blamed for oext.

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Stars lend a hand to rid the world of the scourge of landmines

An impoverished art student asked celebrities to visualise their life without a limb. Steve Boggan reports

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the National Portrait Gallery and then copies will be sold in aid of the British Red Cross's Anti-Personnel Landmines Cam-



Making a difference: Art student Laurie Lewis

Among those who offered their support are the artist David Hockney, who provided an image of a hand holding up a small placard

bearing the words "Love Life". Others include footballer Ryan Giggs, Sir Elton John, violinist Lord Yehudi Menuhin, musician Joan Armatrading, sculptor Anthony Gormley, ballet dancer Darcey Bussell said.

and guitarist Mark Knopfler. to imagine what life would be like without a universal grinding poverty was their dignior fact - the reality faced every day by ty

er some of the biggest names from the tries. According to the Red Cross, there are worlds of politics, sport, design, music and an estimated 119 million mines waiting to ex-

Among the worst affected countries are With no money and only a vision to spur Iran (16 million mines), Angola (15 million), her on, Rebekah Gilbertson persuaded the Iraq (10 million), Afghanistan (10 million), rich and famous to contribute an image of a Cambodia (10 million), Bosnia Herzegovina (up to 6 million) and even Egypt, which is thought to have up to 23 million, many left The booklet will be launched tonight at over from the El Alamein campaign during the Second World War.

"In recent months, the campaign against the manufacture and use of landmines thanks in part to the worldwide media attention accorded to Diana, Princess of Wales - has come to the forefront of public awareness," Ms Gilbertson writes in the booklet. "It was this attention which ... prompted me as an artist to be aware of my hands as the tools vital to the expression of my creativity. From there, it was only a small further step which suggested this book."

In a foreword to Handlines, Martin Bell MP describes his own experiences of encountering landmines as a BBC war reporter and expresses frustration at the political difficulties in dealing with the problem.

"The rules of war require that maps be made of all minefields and that some distinction be kept between soldiers and civilians," said Mr Bell.

"Yet in the wars of the new world disorder, mines are often laid by retreating units without any record being made of them - or the only record may be stored in the memory of a soldier who laid them and was later

Mr Bell adds: "This is more than just a question of saving lives. It is a question of returning countries to their peoples ... What is needed now is a war of liberation, a war that is waged by the engines of peace and dis-

The photographer Ken Griffiths travelled to Angola and Cambodia to photograph victims of landmines for the book. Those who agreed to sit for portraits left him deeply

These faces told me that they were victims not only of landmines but also of ambitious pobticians and greedy generals," he

"In those who chose to be photographed, Ms Gilbertson asked the 45 contributors all that remained to them in the midst of their



Donation: Fashion designer Stella McCartney's message of peace is one of dozens from

Decline in university standards for science

By Judith Judd Education Editor

STANDARDS of entry for science degree courses are lower than they were 20 years ago even in long-established universities, a new study of 750,000 A-level students has shown.

The research from Brunel University reveals that universities have had to lower standards hecause not enough bright sixth-formers are choosing to read maths and science. Researchers found that on average, the requirements for entry to science courses in old universities had fallen by about

half an A-level grade. While popular subjects like medicine and dentistry had not dropped their requirements, engineering and technology had, Professor Alan Smithers and Dr Pamela Robinson suggest that the fall in standards for all universities will be greater because the former polytechnics generally take students with lower A-level grades.

The figures from the study. funded by the Leverhulme Trust, were compiled from a trawi through the records of all A-level entrants to the old uni- en after one year in the sixth versities between 1975 and 1993 form which aims to persuade when the polytechnics became universities. They show that the pattern of A-level study has changed dramatically. During that time, the number of A-level entrants to the old universities has grown by around 64 per cent but the number studying exclusively maths and science subjects at A-level has risen by just 0.1 per cent.

By contrast, the group of sixth-formers studying a mixture of arts and science at A-level, need to take into account the fact which was tiny in the Seventies,

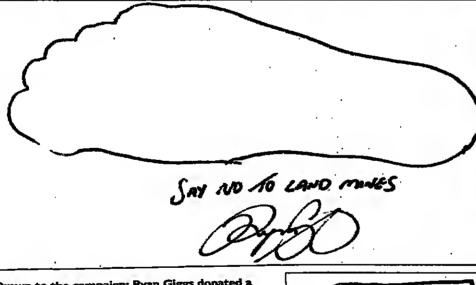
group studying non-science subjects has increased by 59 per cent. The shortfall in science applicants has been made up by students taking a mixture of arts and science at A-level.

In 1975, four out of five entrants to science courses came from the maths and science group. Now two out of five come from the mixed group. However, the students with the highest grades in the mixed group tend to choose social sciences such as economics and business studies rather than science.

Dr Robinson, deputy director of Brunel's centre for education and employment research, said: "The system does seem to have compromised a hit on standards. The anecdotal evidence that there are not enough scientists and that they are of poorer quality is based on reality. Before we had an élite maths and science group entering university. Now we are seeing a much wider range of people." The findings have important implications, she says. The need to persuade more sixth-formers to study both arts and science is urgent.

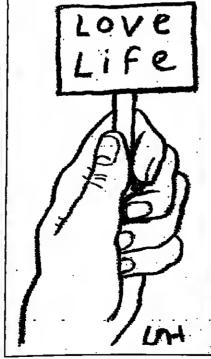
Ministers have just announced a new exam to be takyoung people to study five subjects for a year, but it has postponed plans for an over-arching diploma to include both arts, science and vocational subjects.

Dr Robinson said: "The restrictive three-subject A-level course is counter-productive to science. The Government's latest proposals do not go far enough. We need a five-subject structure which goes over two years." Meanwhile, universities that they are dealing with students



Drawn to the campaign: Ryan Giggs donated a sketch of a foot (above), David Hockney gave a hand with a message (right) and Elton John's signed palm (below) carries the slogan 'death to









Fat flies in griller warfare

By Kate Watson-Smyth

IT IS "griller warfare" with a difference. Burger King has launched a direct rival to McDonald's Big Mac, which, the company claims, has been a huge success in the

It said its new Big King was the first time it had gone head to head with McDonald's and claims that in taste tests, six out of 10 people preferred their product.

The new burger, like the Big Mac, has two burgers, cheese, lettuce, onion, pickles and a toasted sesame-seed bun. How-

compared with the Big Mac's 3.20z, is flame-grilled and is missing the middle lay-

A spokeswoman for the company said that the Big King was different from other Burger King products because of the sauce, which has been specially developed to compete with that on the Big Mac.

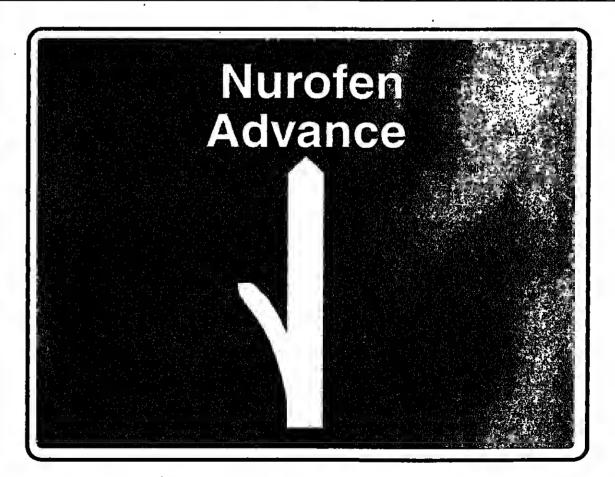
But McDonald's said it was supremely unconcerned by the new launch and would not be selling a "McWhopper" in the near

"We think this a product that they have tried to launch in a number of different

ever, the Big King weighs in at 4.4oz of beef. guises and it is nothing new," a spokeswoman said. "We have 77 per cent of the market in this country and we listen to our customers, so we have no need to pay any attention to our rivals.

"If we were number two then we would probably be trying everything we could to catch up, but as it is, we don't need to do that, so we don't need to worry."

Last year McDonald's, which trails behind Burger King in the US fast-food market, launched the Arch Deluxe to try to increase its market share, but it was not a success and was taken off the market short-



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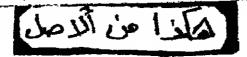
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Surfing samaritans

IS SUICIDE now regarded as a laughing matter by the Samaritans? So it might appear to anyone who hears their tasteless "Don't hang up" radio recruitment ads. Pandora is happy to see that one alternative to this charity - which seems to have succumbed to trendy Nineties marketing mania - could be the Internet. Not only is the Net proving effective at saving lives, it's trying to catch murderers as well. Last week an unnamed British woman who posted a suicide note on the Net was rescued when an American read it on his computer and contacted local authorities in Leeds. She was treated at St James University Hospital and survived her drug and booze overdose. A few days later, a 29-year-old computer programmer in California confessed to his "online support group" for heavy drinkers that, three years earlier, he'd burned down his house in North Dakota and killed his sleeping 5-year-old daughter in order to "rid me of her mother's interferences", according to the New York Times. Three members of his group called the police and the man has now been charged with murder. Pandora salutes all these Net surfing samaritans.

Sport's digital exchange

THE Digital Revolution now wants to jump off our televisioo screens and straight into our sports stadiums. Like many airpianes and cars, every seat in an areoa may soon be equipped with small individual computers. These will allow spectators to call up instant replays, watch the action from various camera angles and send e-mail to managers and players. One American baseball stadium, in Phoenix, Arizona, already has installed these abominations. What is this rubbish? Apart from the tantalising prospect of 30,000 outraged Arsenal fans being able to e-mail their choicest insults to a visually challenged referee in the middle of a match, Pandora is appalled by this hi-tech device. The idea of attending a live event only to keep your eyes focused on a tiny computer screen - no doubt full of annoying ads for team-related merchandise - must be one of the most depressing technological "advances" of the late 20th century

DAILY POEM

Genghis Khan's Hat

By Lee Harwood

Genghis Khan loves his new mauve hat sent by a feeble emperor far away. He wears it all the time. awake and asleep.

Drums and gongs beaten in the encampment. Wars and skirmishes in the distance. Coming and going. Fluttering banners. Horses kick up dust, flying turf.

Among the tent's yellow silk draperies we re here. Mr. Mauve Hat is out, History is out.

The leaves of summer trees the look in your eyes, On a distant steppe now a threadbare hat lying in coarse grass.

This poem comes from Morning Light (Slow Dancer Press, £6.99), the first collection for 10 years by Lee Harwood, who published his first volume in 1965 and appeared alongside John Ashbery and Tom Raworth in the influential Penguin Modern



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Theft embarrasses slack Louvre

By John Lichfield in Paris

THE LOUVRE lost a painting on Sunday and 20,000 people lost their tempers,

It was not the biggest or the most valuable painting in the Louvre - a dimioutive landscape by Corot - but it was gone and an embarrassed museum wanted it back. All entrances to the sprawling building were blocked by police for nearly three hours.

Frightening rumours circulated among the large crowd trapped inside: there had been a murder, a bomb, a fire. People faioted, screamed, shouted. But the police insisted on searchiog the art-lovers' bags - and some of the art-lovers' bodies - one by one.

The tiny 13in-by-19in canvas by the Freech, prc-Impressionist painter Camille Corot was sliced out of its frame in an obscure, little-visited and unguarded room in the Sully pavilion. Its absence was ooticed by an attendant at 1.30pm on Sunday. It was still missing yesterday.

Five Corots were stolen from French museums - allegedly for Japanese collectors - in the 1980s; all were later recovered.



This is the fourth incident of the been several acts of vandalism. kind at the Louvre in the last four years. A religious robe from the 4th-century BC disappeared from the collection of crowded. On each occasion, the Louancient Greek artefacts this January; vie has promised to review its security. two relatively obscure paintings vanished in 1995 and 1994. There have also of the museum, admitted yesterday that

The attacks have mostly occurred on a Sunday wheo the museum is most

alarm: it was hung in a room with oo permanent attendant and no video surveillance. The thief prised open a glass security case and cut around the painting with a razor, without being noticed. Pierre Roseoberg, president-director Mr Rosenberg tried to be philo-

Missing: A detail from Le Chemin de Sevres by the pre-Impressionist painter Camille Corot which has been stolen from the Louvre. It is the latest in a series of similar thefts from the museum Photograph: AF

sophical yesterday. "In my opinion, thefts of this kind are relatively rare. They are part of our sad fate [as one

of the most visited art galleries in the world]."

The museum was not so relaxed when the theft was discovered. Visitors complained that they had been squashed for two hours as bags were laboriously checked. No audihle explanation was giveo. Louvre staff explained that they had heeo asking for a proper system of loudspeakers for years: the authorities had always refused, fearing it would make the place appear "like a supermarket".

The missing canvas - Le Chemin de Sèvres - was painted in 1858-9. Corot paintings fluctuate wildly in price from £400 to £600,000 - according to their size and subject. A Corot of a similar size and topic was sold recently in New York for just over £70,000.

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Mortar assault raises stakes in peace vote

By David McKittrick reland Correspondent

A MORTAR attack launched by an increasingly active breakaway group from the IRA yesterday failed to damage a Belfast RUC station, or to disrupt the annual marathoo race in the city. None the less, the in-near the village of Cloghogue. cident, and an explosion on the Services were suspended while Belfast-Duhlio railway line, security forces examined the served as reminders that re-Although three republican publican dissidents are intent on increasing the temperature in the ruo-up to this month's ref-

erendum on the Good Friday The group involved is assumed to be an unnamed solinter which broke away from the at the peace process. It suffered its first casualty on Friday, when one of its members was shot dead by gardai during an attempted hold-up in Co Wick-

low, not far from Dublin. Five men were remanded in custody wheo they appeared at

charges connected with the attempted raid. They were charged with possessing weapons, including a Kalashnikov. The attack on the railway line was near the border at luochtime yesterday, wheo there was a small explosion

factions oppose the accord and the peace process generally. only one has the capacity to launch mortar attacks on the security forces. Part of the Belfast marathoo had to be re-routed following the discovery of two mortar bombs near the route. Race organisers described the disruption as minor. It is believed the devices were fired at

in west Belfast during the night.

Criminal Court in Dublin on ble's Ulster Unionist MPs are to join the Rev Ian Paisley for the formal launch of the No

A majority of the UUP's 10

MPs are against the accord, while the influential Orange Orposition. Representatives of the order are due to meet Tony Blair in London later this week. following a visit by the Prime Minister to Belfast tomorrow The Orange Order said it had oo option but to "advise the lodges that the many areas of difficulty in the agreement have oot been satisfactorily resolved. Therefore the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland cannot recommend the agreement to the county grand lodges and mem-

The Unionist MP Ken Maginnis said the decision did not Grosvenor Road RUC station reflect grassroots opinion, The tussle within main- any objective debates within the stream Unionism over the order. It has been hijacked by agreement is due to intensify to- a significant but comparatively



a special sitting of the Special day, when some of David Trim- small element and that's sad." Smiling through: Women's Coalition leader Pearl Sagar - Hecklers look confused when I laugh at them, she says

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Woman whose movement makes mockery of the diehards

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is Protestant working class, she who served in Northern Ireland. and until recently she was, she says, politically apathetic: "The first time I ever voted was for myself, and that was just two years ago.

previous home. She is, they say, a traitor who has betrayed

her community . It is not just street-level exremists who find the 39-yearold graodmother such a threat to the established order. The seethe with rage at Ms Sagar and her co-founder of the coalition, Monica McWilliams, who is a Catholic. Many of the insults ist. "Stupid, whingeing women," they were called at the Northern Ireland Forum. Iris Robinson, wife of DUP deputy leader Peter Rohinson, declared: Thank God only 7,000 idiots

voted for these women." Ms Sagar has become adept at turning the sexist insults back oo her attackers. Wheo a

MAY 22 some loyalist activists who cult to fathom the consensual forced her to move from her nature of the coalition demanded to know whether it was nationalist or loyalist, she re-

time of the month." When during discussions oo Rev Ian Paisley and his Demo- Mr Paisley started a tirade cratic Unionist Party are said to about the hirth rates of Catholics and how the Protestants must procreate to protect Ulster's British legacy, she turned to a colleague and said, flung at them were overtly sex- sotto voce: "Does he want an adjournment so we can all go and start at once?"

> And then there was Willie McCrea, also of the DUP, who declared: "As long as I live, I will have a mission, which is to teach these two women to stand behind the loyal men of Ulster." At this point Ms Sagar and Ms

has incurred the antipathy of DUP member, finding it diffi-tion of "Stand By Your Man". The Women's Coalitioo was founded by Ms Sagar, a socia worker, and Ms McWilliams, a

social scientist, in 1996. Withsponded: "Surely since we are in weeks they had picked up women it must depend on the 7,731 votes for the Forum. Under a top-up system, designed to ensure the involvement of decommissioning of weapons fringe loyalist groups, the coalition won two seats at the Forum and Stormont, taken up by the movement's two leaders.

> The bigger parties were oot coamoured with the system. The Unionists, for example, ended up with only one more delegate than the coalition for the all-party talks.

Ms McWilliams, a Queeo's University graduate and a Michigan post-graduate, has had by far the higher profile of the two leaders of the movement. Ms Sagar has kept a lower profile. However, she refuses McWilliams burst into a rendi- to be overawed by those who

consider themselves to be her political elders. "It is only when I got [to the talks] that I began to realise just how childish politics had become in Northern Ireland,"she says. "People here have simply been playing politics for the last 28 years.
"All the talking has been

about the sectarian divisions, with powerful interests doing their best to maintain that divide. What they haven't addressed are the real issues like the conditions the workingclass people live in their jobs. their education."

Ms Sagar and her have tried to steel themselves to cope with the barracking and heckling to which they are subjected. She explained: "I've probably been helped by the fact that I am oot particularly politically correct, and I sometimes . laugh at jokes I shouldn't do. Our hecklers look confused when I laugh at them. I've also taught myself just to carry on with the speeches, you can see that deflate them as well."

She believes the future is full of promise. "What the peace process has done is change the political map of Northern Ireland," she says. "People will hopefully in the future not vote according to whether they are Catholic or Protestants, but according to their own hopes and needs. I'm very glad I am here to see this happen."

Stomach bug linked to heart disease

INFECTION by a bug normally associated with stomach ulcers may contribute to heart disease,

scientists said yesterday. Italian researchers found evidence of the organism, Helicobacter pylori in 62 per cent of people with heart disease and only 40 per ceot of those without the disease. Dr Vincenzo Pasceri, of the Catholic Uni-

versity of the Sacred Heart in

Rome, who led the study, said:

Helicobacter pylori was similar other group of 88 who did not ganisms which live in the stornin patients with heart attack, unstable chest pain, or chronic are reported in the Journal of the chest pain. The findings strongly suggest that the associatioo between Helicobacter pylori and beart disease is related to the

strength of this bacteria." The researchers looked at 88 patients who had ischaemic heart disease, a conditioo caused by poor blood flow to the heart and which causes heart at-"The prevalence of infection by tacks. They were matched by an-

have heart disease. Their findings American Heart Association

The key factor was whether the bacteria was a virulent strain with a gene called CagA. Heart disease affected 43 per cent of people with bacteria containing this geoe, compared with 17 per cent of those whose

bacteria lacked the gene. Helicobacter pylori takes the

achs of most people and occasionally cause of gastritis, the underlying condition behind ul-

cers and some forms of cancer.

Dr Pasceri said people with ulcers because of Helicobacter pylori infection should oot assume they were at increased risk of heart disease. But be added: "Prevention and treatment of these infections may be a new strategy for the prevention of isform of tiny, spiral-shaped or- chaemic heart disease."

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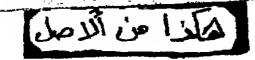
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Will trams return to Regent Street?

By Clare Gamer

THE CHAOTIC clash of pedestrians and vehicles in London's West End could soon be history if plans to remove all traffic from Regent Street and the surrounding area are approved. The reintroduction of trams, which disappeared from the capital's landscape 40 years ago, is central to the plans.

The Crown Estate, the state body which owns both sides of Regent Street along with large tracts of the most exclusive parts of central London, has unveiled plans to make the area more pedestrian-friendly. Work on the scheme could start in 2000.

environmentallyfriendly vision includes pedestrianising the shopping area of Bond Street, Oxford Street and Regent Street, as well as the entertainment destinations of Soho and Covent Garden, and the ceremonial spaces of



Trafalgar Square, Horse Circus and Piccadilly Circus Guards Parade, Whitehall and Parliament Square.

rush hour there are lines of At present more than 150 empty huses waiting in the street. One solution is to inbuses an hour travel along Regent Street between Oxford

during rush hours and outside ic vehicle location system.

Christopher Howes, chief executive of the Crown Estate, said: "As freeholders of virtutroduce advanced bus control ally all the property in Regent

Street the Crown Estate has taken the initiative to seek a so- ferred option so that implelution to the traffic problems in mentation can begin in the the street, in a step which year 2000." recognises the importance we place on this unique part of the nation's heritage.

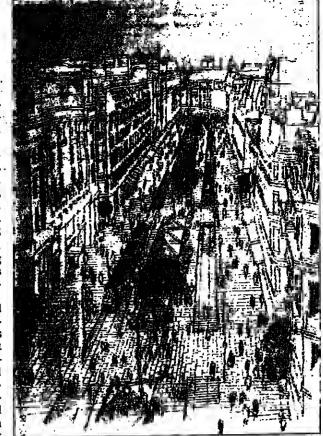
"The Crown Estate has al-Regent Street with investment ing the past ten years, and we are determined to reinforce this a pedestrian-friendly shopping environment – a move which will contribute towards making Regent Street the top shopping destination in Europe.

"In our view, the ideal solution would be to remove all traffic from Regent Street and have a dedicated form of environmentally-friendly transport, a rapid transit system. This is the beginning of what will obviously be a lengthy and complicated process. However, we are aiming to carry out con-

sultations and select the pre-

Last year the Crown Estate commissioned transport planning and urban design consultants, WS Atkins, to develop ready shown its commitment to traffic management and environmental enhancement soluamounting to at least £100m dur-tions for Regent Street. WS Atkins has come back with three options which are being and push through our vision for put to statutory consultees as well as stakeholders and inter-

est groups.
The first combines side road closures and improved pedestrian facilities with bus lanes running the length of Regent Street; the second would double the width of pavements and close the road to all vehicles except buses, taxis, emergency vehicles and other essential vehicles; and the third option involves closing Oxford Street to traffic and installing a dedicated rapid transit system.



Car free zone: Artist's impres Photographs: Crown Estate might look, with trams

Freed Briton learns of father's death

By Steve Boggan

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A BRITON who was kidnapped with his family by Yemeni tribesmen was released to be greeted by the news that his father bad died while he was being held hostage.

David Mitchell was told of his father's death by British diplowife, Carolyn, and son, Ben, 14, from a two-week ordeal.

The family were kidnapped by members of the Beni Dabiyan tribe who demanded a ransom and improved local facilities from the Yemeni government. In spite of the experience, Mr Mitchell, a teacher with the British Council, said he would return to finish his contract.

"We are going home to England for a while - I don't know bow long - and then I intend to come back and see out my con-

telling him about the death of their father, who has not been named. He had been seriously ill for some time.

"It was one of the first things we told him," Mr Pearce said, adding that the family had been well treated except for an incident when Ben had been struck with the butt of a rifle. "I think mats after he was freed with his the whole event has been distressing and [the death] is another event that added to that."

> The family were kidnapped on 17 April as Mr Mitchell drove his wife and son to the airport near Sanaa, the capital. They live in England and had been visiting for Easter.

"We were driving along a straight section of the road and suddenly a Jeep slewed across the road in front of us," said Mr



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Tories cash in on car drivers' fears

Government accused of concealing plans for green taxes

By Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

THE TORIES are to become the car drivers' champions as party strategists seized an opportunity to cash in on motorists' fears that greener transport will cost them money.

Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative transport spokesman, will kick off the campaign today with a series of parliamentary questions and an attack on plans for a series of new taxes on motorists.

The move follows the revelation at the weekend that an official from the Prime Minister's policy unit had complained of John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, becoming too anti-car. In a memo under Tony Blair's name, Geoffrey Norris suggested that plans for an integrated transport policy which would help Britain to meet the emissions targets set at the Kyoto summit last autumn were going too far.

In a subsequent television interview, Mr Prescott described Mr Norris as a "teenybopper" and diswere shared by the Prime Minister.

Mr Blair was behind the green agenda and was committed to Britain meeting its Kyoto targets, he said.

Spotting a possible opening through which the opposition might extract valuable political points, Sir Norman announced plans for his campaign. He argued that Mr Prescott's planned White Paper on integrated transport should have been produced before the local elections because it is bound to prove deeply controversial. He is asking the Deputy Prime Minister to spell out his policies on the motorist, on car parking and on new road-travel taxes.

Among the proposals expected to be contained in the new White Paper, scheduled for early June, are plans to allow local authorities to charge motorists to drive into cities. As an incentive, the Treasury has agreed not to claw back the revenues from the schemes but instead to allow councils to keep them.

Sir Norman said there was growing public coocern about the Government's plans for new taxes on motorists. "As the No 10 Policy Unit suggested, the taxes will hit middle England hardest. They will hit the

bousewife going shopping as well as the factory worker using his firm's car park. The greatest scandal of all this is the way that this transport White Paper has been delayed beyond Thursday's local elections. Mr Prescott knows only too well that his proposals will be deeply controversial," he said.

A spokesman for the Automobile Association said it was not a "motoring at all costs" organisation but believed in responsible car use. However, motorists contributed around £30bn to the Treasury each year with precious little return.

"We do bave high bopes for the White Paper, but it is high time that reform of taxation was addressed. Road maintenance has falleo to an appalling level," be said.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Transport, Environment and the Regions said the Government had always planned to publish the White Paper at the beginning of June. It could not do so sooner because it needed to take into account the findings of select committee inquiries into air traffie and railways.

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Glenda jackson with actor and admirer Hugh Grant in Notting Hill yesterday

Glenda goes back to her roots

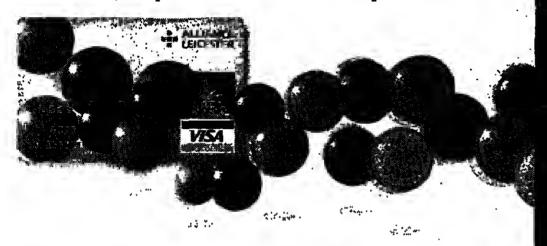
GLENDA JACKSON was saying nothing with flowers yesterday as speculation grew about her ambition to be mayor of London, writes Fran

vined, though, that the former actress's assignation with Hugh Grant in Notting Hill, London, had more to it than mere nostalgia.

It had been eight years since the transport minister, who was elected as MP for Hampstead in 1992, was last on a film set. But one thing was for sure, she said. The new may or would never stray far from the world of luvviedom. The issue of bookings for film crews is such a ing problem that Labour wants or's office to tackle it.

Hugh Grant, who is in Notting Hill making a sequel to Four Wedthat he presented the minister with not one bunch of flowers but two. "I am a great fan," he confessed. But Ms Jackson confessed little beyond the fact that she used to like to do the crossword between takes. And the mayor's job? Nothing could be further from her mind. She was simply here to make sure Londoners voted "yes" in Thursday's referendum

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The Hampshire town regularly comes near the top of the list of places with least unemployissue in Thursday's council elections - as opposed to a beauty contest for the three national parties contesting seats - it is how to cope with Basingstoke's prosperity and burgeoning demand for building land.

If anywhere, this is where Tory revival has to begin. The other week Tory leader William Hagne visited the Oakley ward currently held by the Liberal Democrats - in order to assert Tory fidelity to the idea of prorampant housebuilding. (That blames the previous Tory govit's a faith they have found Tories control Hampshire County Council, which compiles the "structure plao" allocating Basingstoke a target for ac-

commodating oew housing.) Locally, the Tories see planning as a good issue. "They" want to build in rural areas, says Tory leader Keith Brant omi-

gives a clue to Tory fortunes, writes ment. The shopping malls are bustling. And if there is a local

> town, there is a rising demand from families who are looking for homes. We want to provide for our own - the problem is here to reach London.". Basingstoke, adds Labour \$ Jack Evans, has no "brownfield" enument for imposing so many

But it should be a local decision

as to where. "This is a young

with some ideas." But will planning swing votes as well as generate lively local argument? Some 20 seats on Basingstoke and Deane counnow the Tories are the largest

Baker, leader of the council, ac- Labour 14 and a power sharing cepts that there will be devel- arrangement between them has opmeot around Basingstoke. kept the Tories out of office. No one expects this basic arithmetic to change though Mr Evans, for Labour, hopes that if the LDs do lose a handful of seats to the Tories, Labour will then be able to claim the leadership of the authority. Paula Baker thinks that the

They need to, asserts Tory Keiguine about the couocil chang- support. ing hands, barring some great surge by Basingstoke's handful of independents shifting the cil are being contested. As of balance of power. Labour's elsewhere, he says, they would view is that Tony Blair's success see bow "frighteningly expensingle party with 22 members in securing agreement in Ulster sive" is rule by Labour and the nously. Liberal Democrat Paula but the LDs have 17 and has further advanced the par- Liberal Democrats.

Basingstoke is, unofficially, a Tory target area. What that means, equally unofficially, is that if the party cannot add to its strength this time round, William Hague's leadership is having little effect oo party fortunes. According to Michael Tickner, Tory leader in the outer London borough of Bromley, they are oo their way. His people are recording swings of 20 per ceot in their direction in some wards, though he admits they are solid areas and the real test will come in marginal areas.

Loudon's referendum will, Targer Liberal Democrat preshe fears, "muddy the waters": ence in the House of Commons it has been a Labour public retecting the green acres from sites within its boundaries. He since last May will be helpful by lations campaign, and a waste raising the party's local profile. of public money. The Tories are also asking for a yes vote in only since last May is another houses on Hampshire. "What is th Brant, "locally all they have favour of a London mayor and story, as is the fact that the going to happen? Somebody done is cycle tracks and things assembly. He hints that were the somewhere has got to come up - we will show people we can oo campaigners to be a bit administer". But be is not san- more active, they might secure

The message Mr Tickner is trying to ram home is council tax. If electors would only look

Blunkett rapped on 'Henry VIII' power

By Fran Abrams

SWEEPING "Heory VIII" powers which will allow David Blunkett to change rules on how schools are governed without consultation have gone too far, a House of Lords Committee has ruled. Mr Blunkett has 250 new powers under a Bill now in the Lords, three of them "Henry VIII" measures which will allow him to change the law

without further consultation. Among other things, the Schoot Standards and Framework Bill introduces the Government's ptedge to cut infant class sizes and to allow for parental ballots on the future of grammar schools. It abolishes



Blunkett: No consultation

grant-maintained schools as well as making changes to governing bodies, schoot budgets and school admission poli-

In particular, the committee

for it to be changed. Likewise, controversial rules on how parents will be able to

force a ballot on the future of tive educatioo spokeswoman a local grammar school, and in the House of Lords, welwho will be able to vote in it, have not been spett out. These clauses of the Bill

have already attracted considerable controversy. "These powers cover important matters of substance which cannot be dismissed as mere details," the report from the House of Lords Select Committee on Delegated Powers says.

The trend for ministers to said,

questions why the Govern- take on additional powers not ment's class-size limit of 30 fully detailed in Bills is a does not appear in the Bill it- growing one, the committee self but in regulations, allowing adds. "It is, however, a trend which the committee views with

considerable concern."

Baroness Blatch, Conservacomed the report and said that the Conservatives had always adbered to the committee's recommendations when they were in power. The Labour government should now set out precisely what powers it was taking and how it proposed to use them as well as seeking the permission of Parliament before putting them into effect, she



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The door to peace is opened in vain

By Robert Fisk Middle East Correspondent

A POLICE helicopter purred lazily over us when Benjamin Netanyahu came out of No 10 to tell us how grateful he was to Tony Blair. It drifted back, high in the spring sunshine, when Yasser Arafat emerged from Downing Street an hour later to thank the British Prime Minister for his commitment to the "peace process". How they loved Tony. How they hated each other. And all the while, behind us, looms that fateful building in which Lord Balfnur had composed in 1917 Britain's declaration of support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

So there was "Bibi", immaculate as ever in dark suit and thick white Jerusalem. So much for peace. Outhair, telling us that there could be progress if both sides showed "flexihility". Israel, he claimed, "had already gone the extra mile". The Palestinians took the view that Mr Netanyahu's extra mile was the distance that Israel's latest Jewish settlement extended into occupied Arab land. Mr Arafat - emerging from his own separate meeting with Mr Blair, ashen-faced, lower lip quivering, his keffiyeh untidy warned only that "Netanyahu must take the responsibility of ... the chaos that might take place in the region one wondered, dreamed up these if the result of these talks is not crazed formulas?

empty by the bank holiday, the Israeli prime minister was already talking to Madeleine Albright, in the sumptuous suites of the Grosvenor fake log fire and oil painting of ice skaters - looked ominnusly like the smoking room of the Titanic; and within minutes, there was Israel's spokesman, David Bar Ilan, with his ice-cold public school accent, nothing to say. And precious little to strolling through the lobby to tell journalists - in response to Mr Arafat's statement - that "if the for- lawn, President Bill Clinton mula is land-for-terrorism, we can't go on with this".

It was the language of children that both sides spoke yesterday, the language of threat and false compromise. How Mr Netanyahu and Mr rael, Washington seemed ready to Arafat loved peace, strove for peace. walk away from the "peace process" But they could not even hring them- it once guaranteed.

selves to talk to each other. Mr Arafat was so politically weakened that all he could do, pathetically, was to accept Washington's demand for a further 13.1 per cent Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank - in itself a hopeless diminution of the Oslo agreement. In the Grosvenor House. Ms Albright- the supposedly toughtalking US Secretary of State who has used all the anger of a sheep to persuade the Israelis to stop building settlements oo occupied Arab land and adhere to the Oslo timetable tried to persuade Mr Netanyahu to cede more than 9 per cent of the land in the next handover of territory to Mr Arafat. In vain.

So much for the Palestinian state. So much for its putative capital of side No 10, the networks were telling their viewers - in the words of the man from the BBC - that Netanyahu had "little room for compromise" because of his divided cabinet. There was no hint in his hroadcast that Israel is not abiding by the terms of the signed Oslo deal.

Mr Bar Ilan spelt out the situation all too clearly. Israel wanted more security from Mr Arafat and demanded that he reduce the number of his Palestinian policemen. Better security, fewer police, Who.

The Blair theory, that "it's im-A mile away, through streets left portant just to talk", also failed yesterday. For all Messrs Netanyahu and Arafat wanted to do was blame the other for the darkness approaching the Middle East and make sure that House Hotel. The fover - with its the world took their side when the storm broke.

As for Ms Albright, she uncharacteristically avoided the press for much of the day; when she arrived in London on Sunday night, she had do. Five years ago, oo a bright autumn afternoon on the White House promised America's "active support" in "the difficult work that lies ahead". Yesterday, fearful as ever of the Israeli lohby in the United States, and unwilling to criticise Is-



Tony Blair waits to greet Yasser Arafat at No 10 yesterday, where the Prime Minister held separate talks with the Palestinian leader and Benjamin Netanyahu. The Israeli Prime Minister is refusing to agree to the US demand to pull out of a further 13 per cent of Arab land

Albright: sidelined and undermined

By Mary Dejevsky in Washington

THE senior US representative at yesterday's Middle East talks, the Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, has become a familiar figure on the world scene since she became America's first female executive of foreign policy 16 months ago. International jet-setter that she has become, she arrived in London hotfoot from a gruelling Asian tour that took in Japan, China and Mongolia.

But even as she was deep in sensitive discussion in Peking on preparations for President Bill Clinton's China summit next month, an article appeared in Washington that seemed to cut some of the ground from beneath her feet. Ms Albright, said two veteran, well-connected political observers, was no longer making important foreign policy decisions, if ever she had been. She was being routinely bypassed by the President and his increasingly trusted National Security Adviser, Samuel (Sandy) Berger, and there was a risk, according to one quoted State Department official, that she was hecoming "a decoration".

It is not unusual for analysts to pick on one, perhaps minor, policy discrepancy and elevate it to an expression of a higger rift. In this case, Rowland Evans and Robert Novak said that Mr Clinton had "quietly pigeonholed" a warning from the former president George Bush to the Serbian leader, Slobodan Milosevic, threatening US military intervention if Serbia destablilised Kosovo. Not repeating the threat, said Evans and Novak, when Serbian troops started killing Albanians in Kosovo last month, "greatly reduces ... Ms Albright's diplomatic freedom of actioo".

Evans and Novak have their own policy axe to grind: they predict mayhem in Kosovo that could "dwarf Bosnia's bloody fighting" unless a dle East deadlock looked dim.

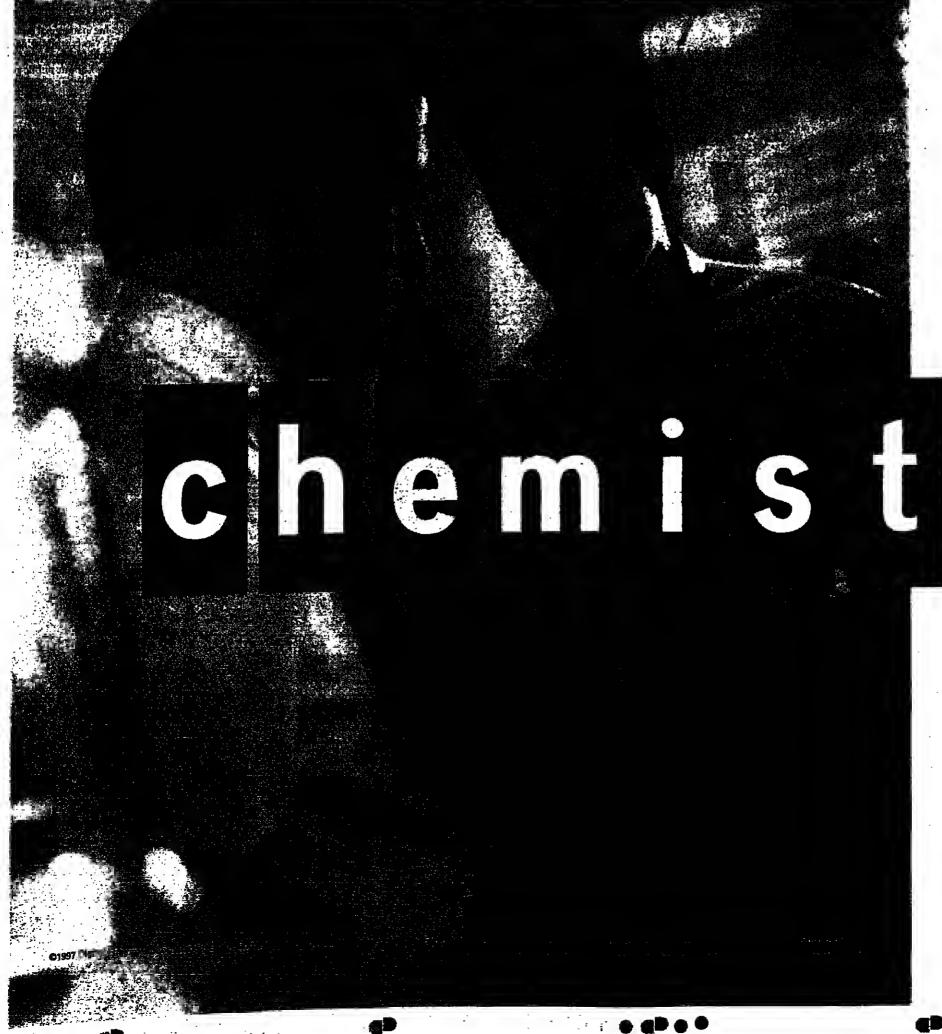
credible US threat is in place. It is also true that Mr Berger was subsequently asked whether what has become known as the "Christmas warning" to Mr Milosevic had been abandoned, and denied it. Or rather, he said that "no uption is ruled out" - which may not be quite the same thing. On the other hand, there are gathering signs that Ms Albright's impact on Washington policy-making may be developing in inverse proportion to the frequency of her travels.

Mr Berger is a consummate Washington operator with five years at the White House, and Evans and Novak claim that he and President Clinton between them are making foreign policy according to the pri-nrities of US domestic policy. They suggest this as a reason why Ms Albright's star seems to have faded.

A more valid criticism might he that Ms Albright, in reportedly trying to persuade Mr Clinton to be tougher on Israel over the Middle East peace agreement and failing to extract from him a threat of US intervention in Kosovo, may herself have lost sight of domestic priorities, especially in an election year.

Nor has she managed to notch up any diplomatic achievement abroad that might lend her political clout at home. Iraq, Iran, Russia, Cuba - increasingly, the initiative is being taken elsewhere than Washington. Her whistle-stop tour of Europe and the Gulf this winter failed to drum up allied support for new US strikes on Iraq even from some of Washington's staunchest Arab allies. Meetings with Israeli and Palestinian officials have yielded no progress. Ms Albright's defenders would ar-

gue that the failures are not hers but reflect the intractability of remaining world conflicts. It was probably wise of State Department spokesmen, none the less, to stress in advance of yesterday's talks that hopes of breaking the Mid-



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Leaders close ranks over euro wrangle

By Katherine Butler

WIDESPREAD cynicism about the fudged deal to select the first president of the European Central Bank was brushed aside by political leaders yesterday as they closed ranks, in public at any rate, to play down the significance of the Franco-German wrangle.

The continental press gave the deal an overwhelming thumbs down and members of the European Parliament warned it could be illegal under the terms of the Maastricht treaty. Wim Duiscoberg, the majority-backed caodidate, was forced to declare he would stand aside after four years of the eightyear term of office to allow his French rival Jean Claude Trichet to take over in 2002. Mr Trichet will serve a full eight years, the European Commissioo confirmed yesterday.

The deal was done after France wielded its veto during an eleven hour stand-off which marred the weekend launch of the single currency and sparked fears that the Euro would be weakened.

But relative calm in the financial markets where the German mark and other European curreccies stabilised against the dollar appeared to vindicate the claim that, although a public relations fiasco, the compromise caused less alarm than anticipated about the euro's credibility.

Duisenherg was appointed for eight years and the decision to go after four was his own. "It was his decision to leave early. I must respect it. It was a compromise."

There was no serious threat to the Franco-German alliance either, he

Redwood's warning

BRITAIN could be forced to enter the single currency with the pound at its current high rate, the Conservatives' trade and industry spokesman John Redwood claimed last night, writes Fran Abrams.

The agreement signed at the weekend dictates that the 11 countries joining the euro will do so at their mid-rates for the exchange rate mechanism. If Britain does the same, it will go into the currency at DM2.95 to the pound.

The Treasury dismissed the claims as "just plain wroog". It said Britain would oegotiate the level at which it should go in when the time came.

insisted. "With friends you can talk about everything, even if you disagree. This will change nothing in the German-French friendship."

The German Finance Minister, The German Chancellor Helmut Theo Waigel, who during the

Bonn yesterday, pointing out that Mr the French than Mr Kohl, yesterday dismissed as "absolute rubbish" rumours that the Bundesbank president, Hans Tietmeyer, had threatened to resign over the deal.

The Dutch Prime Minister, Wim Kok, also defended the deal against Opposition accusations he himself had lost credibility with his electorate. who go to the polls tomorrow, while the Belgian Prime Minister, Jean Luc Dehaene, said the spat would be forgotteo within weeks. Mr Dehaene had earlier voiced fury at the way in which Tony Blair handled the talks but said such clashes were inevitable. from time to time.

Furious European Parliameotarians, however, threatened to expose any illegality in the deal during hearings on all six appointments to the ECB executive board this week. Mr Duisenberg faces crossexamination by the parliament's monetary affairs committee for three hours oo Thursday morning.
Pauline Green, the leader of the

200-strong Socialist group in the assembly, who said it was unacceptable that "poor old Duisenberg" had been forced to pretend he would resign for personal reasons, said there was growing concern about the implications of the deal. It means Mr Trichet will head the bank for a full eight-year term. Ms Green, who has asked the parliament's legal service to vet the agreement ahead of the hearings, said the deal meant the top bank job is now "stitched up" Kohl, defeoded the outcome in summit took a tougher line against for twelve years rather than eight.



Hat tricks French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in New Caledonia yesterday to sign an accord on the future of the Island Photograph: Reuters

Unabomber – four life terms

THE coovicted Upabomber Theodore Kaczynski was septenced to four terms of life in prison without parole yesterday for a 17year-campaign of bombings that killed three people and maimed more than 20 others. In a statement in court, the 55-year-old former maths professor said the government's case against him was "clearly political" and he admitted no guilt or remorse. - Reuters

Fatal cost of banana business

CONSUMERS were warned yesterday that the blood of South American workers is being spilled to put hananas on sale in European supermarkets, writes Katherine Butler. A video filmed undercover and shown at an international conference in Brussels yesterday showed workers on huge plantations in Costa Rica being poisoned by toxic insecticide sprays, appalling housing cooditions and systematic sexual exploitation of women workers. Glenys Kinnock, the Labour MEP, condemned the globalisation of food trade and the effect it would have oo small-scale producers in African and Caribbean countries. Bananas are a kind of microcosm of the challenges we face with globalisation which has both. its winners and losers" she said.

Fruit trade that went sour, page 16

'Dizzy' drug found in pig offal

SALES of pig lungs, liver and kidneys are to be suspended in Hong Kong after the drug Clenbuterol, which causes dizziness, was found in lungs oo sale in the territory. Traders have voluntarily decided to not sell the items until it is clear consumption is safe again, a Department of Health spokeswoman said.

Croat dies



CROATIAN Defence Minister Gojko Susak (pictured), the leading light of the hardline nationalists in Croatia's ruling party, died on Suoday from ing cancer, the government said yesterday. Susak, 53, was seen as an undisputed authority over the bardline Bosnian Croat lobby within the Croatian government. He will be buried on Thursday, which has been declared a national day of mourning. Reuters, Zagreb

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Triad boss takes starring role in court drama



'Broken Tooth' Koi is led away after being charged with attempting to kill Macau's top crime fighter

IT IS like a gangster movic saga only it happens to be real and the movie about the saga is being paid for by the king of Macau's gangsters, "Broken Tooth" Koi.

Yesterday "Broken Tooth", whose real name is Wan Kuokkoi was charged with a host of serious offences connected with organised crime. While he was were under way for the the premiere of a film about Mr Wan's life, paid for by the principal

"Broken Tooth" (who has now had his teeth capped) is re-puted to be head of Macau's 14K Triad gang with an estimated membership of some 10,000, making it au enormous organisation in a territory with around half a million

The weekend arrest of Mr Wan, two bodyguards colour-

fully known as Chiu Yan (Superman) and Ah Gwei (Ghost) and others, followed a failed attempt on the life of Macau's police chief Antonio Marques Baptista, who was saved by the quick thinking of his dog who sniffed explosives in a car Mr

Baptista was about to enter. The chief then went after his man in person. Within hours he hurst into a private room of a restaurant at the gandy Hotel Lisboa where Mr Wan and othbeing charged, preparations er alleged gang members were watching a Hong Kong television programme about "Broken Tooth's" exploits.

Mr Baptista cuffed Mr Wan and triumphantly led him out of the hotel where a bevy of reporters were waiting to record the arrest. Neither the captive nor the captor are publicity shy. Mr Baptista is battling to end an eruption of gangland violence over control of high roller gambling on the fringes of the legitimate casino activity which keeps Macau's econ-

omy afloat. He sees himself as a cross between "Rambo" and "Dirty Harry".

Mr Wan describes himself as an "entertainment businessman" but makes little attempt to hide the strong-arm side of his activities. Last month he told an American magazine, "anyone who's done something had to me will never escape. I woo't kill him. I'll make him take a

voyage to another world".

The film about his life, sponsored by Mr Wan, is called Casino, and it makes no bones about "Broken Tooth's" gangsterism. Indeed it shows how he muscled his way up the ranks to become the boss of the 14K Triad. A ruthless gang war, waged for the better part of a year, also appears to have made Mr Wan the criminal king-pin of Macau. The war has involved the killing of officials and assassinations in the middle of town in hroad

"I'm not afraid of anyone," Mr Wan is quoted as saying,

worth heing afraid of." The gangland boss certainly does not seem to be afraid of the law. He has slipped in and out of custody and had highly paid lawyers tie up the courts while he remained out on the streets.

The authorities are seriously embarrassed by the outhreak of gang violence in the normally rather sleepy enclave.

The Macau government has arrested a total of 20 people who are leading figures in one of the criminal organisation's active in the territory" alongside Mr Wan. Yesterday new laws were enacted to help the goveroment crackdown on organ-

Even Stanley Ho, the powerful boss of the company which runs Macau's casinos, has proved unable to have any impact on the gang warfare. It remains to be seen whether the law will finally manage to put the hig league crime bosses out of husiness.

'Pentiti' fail to nail Andreotti

By Anne Hanley in Rome

Hardine

TEALY's seven-time Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti warned top Sicilian mafiosi that he would be forced into launching turning his back on the mob ima tough anti-crime crack-down if they did not call a halt to their internecine wars in 1993, the former Cosa Nostra boss Giovanni Brusca told a court in Perugia yesterday.

The accusation - implying that a man who was in every Italian government from 1946 to 1992 was in effect pulling Mafia strings - is a serious one, eveo when levelled against someone whose copybook is already indelibly blotted.

Mr Andreotti is on trial in Perugia for allegedly ordering the murder in 1979 of the muckraking journalist Mino Pecorel-If. He is also in the dock in Sici- not extend to the family of pen ly for his supposed Mafia links. tito Santo Di Matteo: Brusca is in a case constructed around dra- accused of having strangled Di matic evidence against him from pentiti, as mafiosi who turn then having had the body disstate's evidence are known. But solved in acid to punish Santo though they started out with for ratting on the moh. what seemed like a water-tight case, prosecutors have seen wide pentiti whose testimony is rarely cracks appearing in that construction as evidence from pen- in Caltanissetta, Sicily, yester-

cluding Mr Andreotti in the being offered him against his constant stream of damning former Mafia colleagues was accusations that he has come up inadequate, he said.

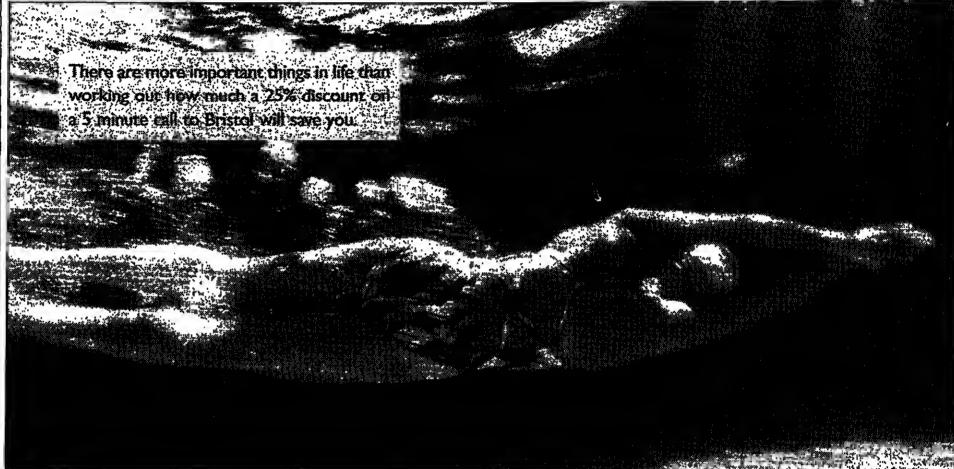
with since his arrest in 1996, But prosecutors are unlikely to renice over his version of events.

The extreme haste with which Brusca, reputed to be a brutal Mafia killer, insisted on mediately after his arrest has marred his evidence, endowing it with an air of insincerity. Moreover, his clever knack of producing testimony which never nails anyone in the world of organised crime has not en-

deared him to investigators. It has, however, made him popular with the growing chorus of mainly right-wing MPs who believe that pentiti should be taken with a large pinch of salt. Yesterday Brusca told the court that he had turned state's evidence "for my son. I don't want him to

go the same way I did." But this paternal concern did Matteo's 11-year-old son and

Di Manco is one of the few questioned. Yet in a courtroom titi dried up or was proved false. day he said would give no more Now Brusca is wading in, in- evidence: the state protection



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Legal victory for sacked dockers

ın Sydney

AS Australia's waterfront war enters its fifth week, the 1,400 sacked dock workers at the centre of the dispute yesterday claimed a victory when the High Court ruled that they were entitled to win back their jobs.

After a month of one of the most bitter industrial coufrontations Australia has seen. the High Court ruled yesterday that the dock workers sacked by Patrick, the country's second biggest cargo handling company, could return to work. The ruling was hedged with conditions, meaning the dispute is likely to drag on and leave more than 11,000 containers stranded at docks around Australia.

Nevertheless, cheers erupted when the court's decision was announced to thousands of dock workers (known as "wharfies" in Australia), their families and supporters who have formed picket lines outside the locked gates of Patrick's wharves in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle, in Western Australia. Some hardened wharfies wept, while others declared the ago, the union took Patrick to Minister for Workplace Relaverdict a victory for Australia's

"I'm looking forward to getting back to work with my not hire others in their place. It mates," said one wharfie in Sydney. Addressing the workers in Sydney, Jennie George, president of the Australian

We've still got some way to go. It's not all over. We've had a great moral victory again today." Patrick sacked the workers

on 7 April, after it announced that the subsidiary companies which employed them no longer had any assets and had been placed in the hands of administrators. The move stunned the workers, all of whom belong to the Maritime Union of Australia, which has had a monopoly on Australia's waterfront for almost 100 years.

Overnight, the company replaced the sacked wharfies with non-union men trained in secret and hired on contracts. The federal conservative coalition goveromeot, headed by John Howard, has strongly supported Patrick's showdown with the union. It has treated the war on the wharves as the decisive battleground to break Australia's biggest, and last, union monopoly.

But what started as a fight over waterfront reform has turned into a protracted battle in the courts over the rights of should reinstate the workers and also found that Patrick may have broken the law, which forbids dismissing people simply be-

cause they belong to a union. Patrick appealed to the High

union umbrella body, warned: Court, the final appeal court, last week. In its judgment yesterday, the High Court upheld the ruling against the dockers' sackings, but said their reinstatement would depend on whether the administrators of the hire companies are able to restore those companies to trading.

Peter Brook, one of the independent administrators, said the verdict did not guarantee the workers would be re-employed. We're not compelled to hire anybody," he said. Chris Corrigan, the chairman of Patrick, yesterday offered the administrators A\$3.6m (£1.4m) to get the companies going, but hinted there were conditions attached. "Any decision by the administrators must involve massive work-place reform, otherwise the companies will go into liquidation," he said.

Mr Howard's government has been damaged by the way the dispute has unfolded. While most Australians support waterfront reform, opinion polls show they are unimpressed by the government's handling of the dispute. Mr dismissed workers. A fortnight Howard and Peter Reith, his the Federal Court. It delivered tions, boasted of a swift victory a landmark ruling that Patrick over the union when Patrick moved against it. Now, the government looks badly outmanocuvred. It still faces a court case in which the union will seek to show that Patrick and the government illegally conspired to dismiss the union workers.



Satisfaction: Sacked wharfie Ron Smith celebrates the court ruling yesterday in Sydney Photograph: David Gray/Reuters

Arrests as lost tanker Trial exposes gang reappears in China

By Richard Lloyd Parry in Kuala Lumpur

AN oil tanker which was believed to have been hijacked by pirates in the South China Sea has reappeared in southern China, amid reports that it was an inside joh.

The Singapore ageots for the Malaysiao-owned Petro Ranger said yesterday that Indonesian pirates boarded the ship and siphoned off most of its cargo of 11,000 tonnes of 12 Indooesians on suspicion of sel oil and kerosene worth \$1.5m. They denied claims by the Chinese foreign ministry that the pirates were members of the ship's own crew.

The vessel turned up on Friday in the port of Haikou, in China's southernmost Hainan itime piracy and there was no Island, two weeks after leaving Singapore en route to Ho Chi in any way in illegal activities. Minh City in Vietnam. Apart a Hainan official said.

from unconfirmed sightings, there had been no cootact with the ship since 17 April and its agents, Petroships Ltd, assumed that it had been taken by pirates, a cotorious problem in the South China Sea.

The Petro Ranger has been been repainted, giveo the new name Wilpy, and sailed the last part of its journey under a Hooduran flag. Nooe of the crew had been hurt.

Hainan police have detained cking the oil tanker and s ing it into Chinese waters to smuggle its cargo. The 12 face charges of piracy, smuggling and illegal entry. The captain, Kenoeth Blythe, and his crew were being treated as victims of marsuggestioo they were involved

links in NF killing By John Lichfield

WHO killed Yann Piat, the only woman ever to represent the National Froot io the French parliament? Some of the political mystery which has swirled around the murder of Ms Piat for the last four years may be cleared away by a trial which began in Draguignan, in the south of France, yesterday,

cumstances of her assassination of her political career so complex, that the full truth of the affair may never emerge. Seven small-time gangsters are accused of plotting and carrying out the shooting, on 25 February 1994, to prevent Ms Piat, 42, from becoming the mayor of Héyeres on an anti-moh and

anti-corruption platform. By the time of her death, Ms Piat, who had known the NF leader Jean-Marie Le Pen since ber childhood, had switched to the centre-right UDF alliance. 1t was alleged last year, in a highly controversial, and subsequently banned, hook, that her murder was ordered by two se- Marco Di Caro, 25, accused nior UDF politicians. Although- of the murder of MP Yann the pair was not named in the book, they were easily identified

Both men sued and the book has since been widely discounted. The two authors - and the long parade of witnesses exmain, however, that such an inexperienced hunch of smalltime crooks would have carried



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On the other hand, the cir- as François Léotard, head of the out a political assassination of UDF and Jean-Claude Gaudin, such magnitude. Links between ganised crime in the département of the Var at the time of the murder are oow well-esthe two politicians - are among tahlished. The irony is that the assassination, which may have pected at the trial. Doubts re- been intended to cover up such dealings, helped to bring the corrupt tangle of political-criminal alliances crashing down.

Far-right routed in by-election shock

THE far-right National Front has suffered a considerable setback, losing its only seat in the French parliament in a by-election in Toulon. Although the margin of defeat was only 33 votes, the result was a stinging blow to the Froot in one of its principal strongholds. A large part of the moderate, right-wing vote switched to the Socialist candidate, suggesting that many conservative French voters still pale: The French centre-right has been torn apart since some local leaders formed unauthorised alliances with the NF following the regional elections in March.

The Touloo result will be ip those leaders of the centreright who insist that dealings trolled for three years.

with the Front are morally wrong and electorally suicidal. The NF candidate, Cendrine Le Chevallier, wife of the far-right mayor of the town, Jean-Marie Le Chevallier, had been widely expected to win the seat after topping the poll in the first round. The by-election was forced by the disqualification of her husband for breaking the campaign finance rules during the May 1997 general election. Although Ms Le Chevallier gained an extra 3,000 votes bedidate Odette Casanava took an extra 5,000 on Sunday - most from the "moderate" right.

The stark fact remains that, with a turn-out of only 50 per cent, the NF attracted less than one in four of the possible votes in a city that it has con-

Racist campaign cuts no ice with NZ voters

in Wellington

NEW Zealand's centre-right coalition government hung on to its single-seat majority in Parliament with a by-election victory on Saturday, but was dealt a sharp rebuke by voters.

The Prime Minister Jenny Shipley's National Party had its majority in the Taranaki-King Country seat slashed from more than 10,000 in the 1996 general election to 966.

But there was worse for her junior coalition partner, New Zealand First, led by the onetime glamour boy of New Zealand politics Winston Peters, which was humiliated. Its caudidate, who took 17 per cent of the vote to finish second in 1996, attracted only 2.75 per cent this time to come sixth, four votes behind the minor Christian Heritage Party and only slightly ahead of the Greens and the Legalise Cannabis Party.

It was a devastating result for Mr Peters, the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, who conducted a vigorous campaign in the rural North Island seat, and raises doubts about his and the party's long-term future.

The outcome shows the magic has gone from the NZ First party he founded with a nationalistic crusade of cuts in immigration and foreign investment, winning him the balance of power after the 1996 election.

The party's failure to capture three per ceot of the vote confirmed recent nationwide opinion polls showing NZ First would disappear as a political force if a geoeral election were held now.

The extreme right-wine ACT NZ (formerly the Association of Consumers and Taxnavers) laid claim to replace it as the National Party's coalition partner after oext year's election, finishing second on Saturday with 25 per ceot of the vote. ACT has eight MPs, against NZ First's 17.

Mrs Shipley, who caused Saturday's ballot by sending Jim Bolger - the man she ousted as Washingtoo as ambassador, described ACT's claim as premature. "I have heard people write off Winstoo Peters in the past and be proven wrong," she said.

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When he won the balance of power, he joined them in coalition, an act of betrayal hoge numbers of his former supporters have oot forgiven.



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Ivan Tcherepnin

IVAN TCHEREPNIN, com- cination, many of Ivan Tcherep- Boston classes include some poser and teacher, was born of nin's own scores blend live

family business with aplomb. He was the son of the Russian composer Alexander Teherepain (1899-1977) and the Chinese pianist Lee Hsien-Ming (1915-91) and the grandson of the composer-conductor Nikolai Tcherepnin (1873-1945). Ivan received his carliest musical instruction from his parents, later studying composition with Leon Kirchner at Harvard, which was to become his own base, and with Karlheinz Stockhausen and conducting with Pierre Boulez. His father's cultural open-mindedness fostered a lively intellectual curiosity in lvan, which was demonstrated both in his compositions and his instrumentalism: he was a fine pianist – but also a virtuoso on the psaltery and the Persian santur.

Tcherepnin composed vigorously all through his all-toobrief career (he was only 55 when he lost his three-year battle with cancer of the liver). His the possibilities of electronic his father by the Dutch composer Henk Badings - set his imagination loose. His brother Serge, also a composer, remembers a school concert of Badingsi music that Ivan or- jastic teacher. He was director ganised: it caused an uproar because Ivan staged the concert in total darkness and succeeded in completely disorienting a number of countries in the his audience: a considerable

achievement for a 16-year-old,

musical stock and carried on the music with electronics. The combination of his solid traditional training with his ceaseless desire to experiment opened up all music to him: his activity in electronics allied him with the extreme avant-garde, and yet he could as readily compose works that would not overstretch the ears of more conservative listeners. One of those more traditional pieces, a Double Concerto for violin, cello and orchestra, which won the \$150,000 Grawemeyer Prize in 1995, has recently been released by the UK company Olympia, on a CD which includes music by his father and grandfather.

He was also happy to write for the amateurs of the symphonic wind band, and one of oratorio. 4nd So It Came to Pass, performed in Carnegie Hall to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Oratorio Muinterests pulled everything within reach; he experimented with teenage discovery, in 1958, of automatic music (in what he called "Bachamatic Canons"), music - through a tape sent to explored musical aesthetics, examined the relationship between text and music. The flow of works earned birn a garland of awards and prizes.

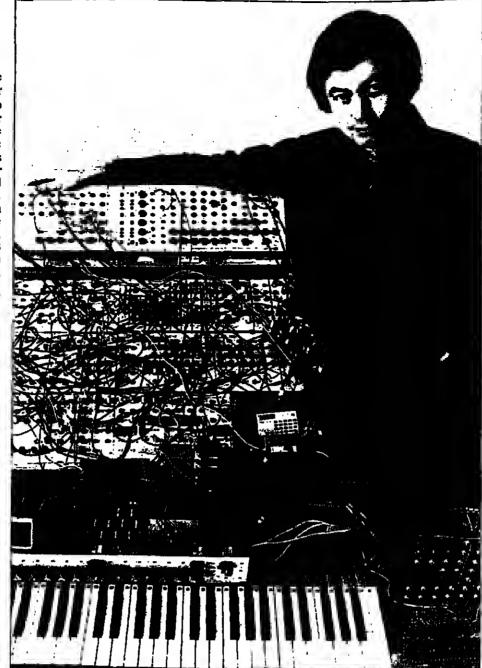
Tcherepnin was an enthusof the Harvard Electronic Music Studio from 1972, and gave courses on electronic music in 1970s and 1980s, including the Dartington Summer School in Sue-Ellen Hershman; died Boston,

prominent names of the younger generation of American arts, two of whom worked with their teacher's music: Yo-Yo Ma gave the premiere of the Double Concerto, and Peter Sellars produced Teberepnin's Santur Opera - the first time be had worked with a living composer. But then Tcherepnin was an easy man to work with, and the list of his collaborations is long. among them projects with his teacher Leon Kirchner, John Cage, and Merce Cunningham, for whose dance company he wrote his ballet The Creative Act and several other scores.

The sense of bubbling energy inside Teberepnin's music mirrors his personality: for Richard Dyer, the Boston Globe critic and a strong supporter, the his largest recent scores was the first impression of the man was of "a whirlwind of hair, hands and intelligence", But the fizz and the whimsy sat on the surface: the loyalty of his friends sic Society. Indeed, his catholic and students was earned by the deep seriousness with which he took his responsibilities. That self-effacing devotion extended to his family, too, and shortly before his death, he took enormous pleasure in attending a concert that included a work by one of his sons - the fourth generation of composing Tcherepnins.

Martin Anderson

Ivan Tcherepnin, composer: born Paris 5 February 1943; married 1964 Sandra Prutting (marriage dissolved), 1967 Anne Palmer (three sons, one daughter, marriage dissolved), 1997 As a result of this early fas- Devon. The alumni of his Massachusetts II April 1998.



Nizar Qabbani

WRITERS, artists, intellectuals across the Arabic-speaking world are lamenting Nizar Qabhani, the master of love, defamation and lament verse who died on Thursday at the age of 75 in London. In a career spanning five decades Qabbani expressed the aspiration and frustration of millions of Arabs, especially women.

Conservative and authoritarian Arab regimes disliked and often banned his poetry as it embodied assaults on social and sexual taboos; for Qabbani national liberation was meaningless without sexual liberation. He became the most popular Arab poet in the second balf of this century. He was even popular in Israel, despite his poems' justifying violence against the not just romantic. That's Jewish state, with which he really moving, very moving." fiercely resisted the idea of normalisation.

extremely poetic; about politics, people hated it or loved it. His really sharp," said the former



Qabbani: controversial

prime minister Shimon Peres, who was also touched by Qabbani's love poems for his wife Balqis. "He talked about the unforgettable kiss of vesterday -

Qabbani's poetry was romantic, political, erotic, bold "His poems about love are and, above all, controversial; 1954 poem "Bread, Hashish and a Moon" offended the sensibilities of Syrian parliament members, who demanded he be put on trial. The Syrian president Hafez Assad sent a plane to fly the dead poet home for burial in Damascus, where a street was named after him last year. Nizar Qabbani was born in

Damascus in 1923 to a known, hut not rich family. His greatuncle was Abu Khalil el-Oabbani, a 19th-century pioneer of feminist writer Ranna Qahbani. He joined the Syrian diplomatic service as a law graduate in 1945. He served in Cairo, Ankara, London, Madrid, Peking and Beirut, which he made his home after leaving the diplomatic service in 1966.

In 1973 he married, as his second wife, the love of his life, Balqis al-Rawi, when she moved to the Iraqi embassy in Beirut to be near him. Balqis was killed in an explosion in the Iraqi embassy in Beirut in 1981.

He entitled an anthology of that year To Beinut, the Female. Arab women were the largest market of his anthologies, as he excelled in expressing the way the Arab female experienced love. His sister's suicide, when

man she loved, bad deeply af. fected him as a teenager. Again, he always remembered his illiterate mother selling her jewellery to raise the money to Arab theatre. His niece is the publish his first anthology. Its defaming Arab leaders who provocative title The Childhood of a Bosom caused a scandal in the conservative Damascus of 1948. (The word bosom in Arabic relates only to a naked female in an erotic way.) His Wild Poems, also published in 1948, was about eroticism and gay love.

His later poetry attacked the tyranny and corruption of Arab regimes; yet be supported the Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. He worshipped the populist leader Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, who eradicated

pluralist liberal democracy from Egypt. He was impressed by Nasser's anti-British stance during the ill-fated Suez campaign. He was later taken with Nasser's romantic vague idea of one Arah nation -- which nevshe was forbidden to marry the er worked since citizens of

Arabic-speaking nations often don't understand one another. He named Nasser "the last of the prophets", in a poem Spare us the words, and spare us the lamenting his death in 1970 and Walked behind the prophet's coffin, Holding their daggers under their

mourning cloaks. In 1995 be caused another uproar by declaring the death of the Arabs as a nation:

A horrifying chain of degenerations Swiftly soaked us into the age of

His 1990 masterpiece 'Abu Jahl (the Father of Ignorance) Buys Fleet Street" appealed to many Arab journalists who were helplessly enslaved by petrodollars in the hands of illiterate

conservative paymasters. The closing stanza was a satirical and bitter appeal to an unnamed conservative Arab ruler: O long-lived one,

We promise never to seek a share of O long-lived one, Go on killing as many of your sub-

jects as you wish, And fuck as many of your slave girls as you wish, We only have one wish:

By the time of his death, Qabhani's 1990 prophecy was complete: not one single Arab media organisation in Europe was left independent to report freely on Arab or international affairs.

Adel Darwish

Nizar Qabbani, poet: born Damascus 21 March 1923; married first Zahra Aqbiq (one daughter, and one son deceased; marriage dissolved), second 1973 Balgis al-Rawi (died 1981; one son, one daughter); died London 30 April 1998.

Professor Brian Hackett

a small group of landscape architects who played a significant part in the development of the subject since the Second World

His two books Man, Society and Environment (1950) and Landscape Planning (1971) helped his students and the young profession recognise the scope of the work to be done in this field, where man's impact on the environment through farming, forestry, water supply, new towns and transport systems was growing so rapidly. He shared with other pioneers a place in the development of broader ideas about regional planning and environmental conservation.

Having qualified as an architect and planner at the Birmingham School of Architecture. in 1945 he returned, after war service with the RAFVR, to teach in the London School of Planning and Regional Redevelopment. At that time the school was offering sbort courses designed to equip members of the land-using professions to guide the process of post-war reconstruction.

However, Hackett was soon attracted away from London to the North, for in the following year Professor J.S. Allen, another pioneer of planning education, invited him to join the staff of the newly formed Department of Town and Country Planning in King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, then part of Durham University, where an undergraduate course in planning had just been established. This department was to be his academic and professional base until his retirement in 1977.

For many years Hackett's main interest had been in landscape, and this had been greatly strengthened through bis membership of the Landscape Institute as early as 1945. In 1950 he set up a one-year programme for a postgraduate Diploma in Landscape Design. This was a pioneer venture, only one other such course (in Reading) being then available. Much of the inspiration for it sprang from Hackett's visits to, and



Hackett: ecological advocate

BRIAN HACKETT was one of contacts in, Scandinavia, where professional education in landscape architecture was already established. The one-year diploma course was run on a limited scale until 1965 when, to meet the increasing demands of the profession, it was replaced, first by a two-year diploma and then, in 1977, by a Bachelor of

Pbilosophy degree. At the same time Hackett's personal ideas on the theory and practice of landscape design were growing in influence and importance through his teaching, research and publications. He was recognised as a clear thinker and a powerful advocate of ecological concepts as the essential basis for the design of landscapes, an approach which again was formed from his experiences in Scandinavia.

As a working practitioner Hackett was able to realise these concepts in practice and through his published research. In this respect his work on the restoration of derelict colliery sites and other lands in Northumherland and Durham and his special studies and reports on the restoration of the steep banks of the River Tyne within the urban area were particularly influential.

Hackett played an important role outside his university. He was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Landscape Architects in 1954, and acted as President from 1967 to 1969 and Honorary Vice-President from 1991. He served on the North of England Regional Advisory Committee on Forestry and the National Water Space Amenity Commission, and was Chairman of the Northumberland and Newcastle Society. In 1967 Newcastle University elected him to a personal Chair in Landscape Design, and he received the Europa Prize for Landscape in 1972.

Brian Hackett will also be remembered for his other gifts his participation in musicmaking, as a flautist, his skill in the difficult art of watercolour painting and the pleasure be took (as an expert cook) in entertaining his friends.

Paul Brenikov

Brian Hackett, landscape architect: born 3 November 1911; Lecturer in Town and Country Planning, Durham University 1947-48, Lecturer in Landscope Architecture 1948-49, Senior Lecturer 1949-59: Visiting Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Illinois 1960-61; Reader in Landscape Architecture, Newcastle University 1962-66, Professor of Landscape Architecture 1967-77 (Emeritus): married 1942 Frederica Grundy (died 1979; two sons, one daughter), 1980 Elizabeth Ratcliff, died Newcastle upon Tyne 22 March 1998.

Bishop Daniel Pézeril

decades, Daniel Pézeril was a approachable public figure. reminder of the reforming days of the Second Vatican Council. He presented the Church's open face in reconciliation with the Jews and with Freemasons, as well as offering support and pastoral care to immigrants. As assistant bisbop of Paris

AMID a French Catholic hier-arcby that has grown steadily from January 1968 until his recognised in 1996 as one of the retirement in October 1986. Righteons Among the Nations more conservative over the past he was a highly visible and by Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Born in Chile. Pézeril was ordained priest in Paris in 1937. During the Nazi occupation he issued more than a thousand false baptism certificates to Jews, escaped prisoners and to others at risk. His actions to save Jews eventually led to his being

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In 1973, as assistant bishop of Paris, Pézeril was one of three leading clergymen to issue a document on the Church's relationship to the Jews which went beyond the position then held by the Church. It spoke of the "eminent and permanent" place accorded the Jewish people and called for Vatican recognition of the State of Israel. Praised by France's chief rabbi. Jacoh Kaplan, the document was heavily criticised by others, especially on the left.

reconciliation with the Freemasons were equally delicate. In 1971 - at the invitation of Pierre Simon, grand master of the Grand Lodge of France - he be-

to address a Masonic Lodge. He came in for sharp criticism, but merely responded: "I have only done my duty as a bishop." While he was still a parish

Pézeril's attempts to bring priest in the capital, Pézeril was Interdiocesan Service for Immigrant Workers, which ofimmigrants, such as helping Arcbbishop Oscar Romero, as-

came the first bishop since 1789 those with no papers to gain documentation. His own hirth in Chile perbaps contributed to his lifelong interest in Latin America and he frequently expressed his solidarity with those suffering under the dictatorship instrumental in establishing the of General Pinochet and concern over the fate of the "disappeared in Argentina, as well fered practical support for as championing of the cause of

sassinated in El Salvador in ond World War Pezeril had A writer of numerous books

himself, Pézeril took a lively interest in France's cultural life and was particularly close to Georges Bernanos as well as other writers like François Mauriac. In 1991 Pézeril published Bernanos's notebooks for his last novel, Monsieur Ouine. Immediately after the Sec-

served as chaplain to the Centre for French Catholic Intellectuals, and had established an informal parisb in the heart of Paris's Latin Quarter in 1948.

Felix Corley

Daniel Pezeril, priest: born La Serena, Chile 5 October 1911; ordained p. lest 1937; Assistant Bishop of Paris

1968-86; died Paris 22 April 1998.

DEATHS

WILLIAMS: Edith, on 1 May 1998 aged 94. Will be so much missed. Loved and adored mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. Gangan. Enquiries to FM. J. Wait Funeral Directors, Lichfield. Telephone 01543 263138. MEMORIAL SERVICES

HICKS: David. A memorial service will be held at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London Wt, on Wednesday I July at noon. Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Queen Mother visits the Royal Foundation of St. Kutherine, Burcher Row, London E14. Changing of the Guard

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guarda Horsa Guarda, Hant; P Company Scots Guarda mounts the Queen's Guarda and Eddingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Scots Guarda.

Birthdays

Sir Michael Angus, chairman, Whit-bread, 68; Mr Vivian Anthony, Secretary, Headmasters' and Head-mistresses' Conference, 60; Mrs Elizabeth Conran, Curator, Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, 56; Miss Jean Corston MP, 56; Sir Alan Donald, former diplomat, 67; Miss Alice Faye, actress and singer, 83; Sir Charles Fletcher-Cooke QC, former The independent, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London EM 5DL, telephoned to 0171-293 2012 (24-hour MP, 84; Mrs Joanna Foster, Direcanswering machine 0171-293 2011) or faxed to 0171-293 2010, and are charged at £6.50 a fine (VAT extra)-OTHER Gazette announcements (notices, functions, Forthcoming management) tor, BT Forum, 59: Sir Victor Garland, former Australian High Commissioner, 64; Sir Brian Hayes, former senior civil servant, 69; Mr John Maxton MP, 62; Mr Michael Palin, comedian and actor, 55; Lady Plowden, former chairman, IBA, 88; Mr Berry Reed, former chairman Austin Reed Group, 67; Mr Roger Rees, actor and playwright, 54; Mr James Stevens, composer, 68; Mr David Stewart MP, 42; Mr Jonathan Weeks, managing director, Wool-worth, 60; Mr Brian White MP, 41; Professor Sir Glammor Williams, historian, 78; Mr Gerard Young, former Lord-Lieutenant of South

Anniversaries

Births: Søren Aabye Kierkegaard philosopher, 1813; Heinrich Karl Marx, author and socialist, 1818; Sir Gordon Richards, jockey, 1904.

Deaths: Napoleon I (Napoleone Buonaparte), Emperor of France, 1821; Sir Donald Coleman Bailey, wartime bridge designer, 1985. To-day is the Foast Day of St Angelo, St Avertinus, St Hilary of Arles, St Hilary of Galeata, St John Haile, St

LAW REPORT: 5 MAY 1998

Sentence guidelines in duty evasion cases

Regina v Dosanih: Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord justice Rose, Vice President Mr Justice Butterfield and Mr Justice Richards) | May 1998

THE COURT of Appeal gave guidelines as to the appropriate level of sentencing in cases of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of duty chargeable on goods contrary to section 170(1)(b) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979. N. Petersen (Registrar of Criminal Ap-

peals) for the appellant, Oliver Sells OC (Solicitor, Customs and Excise) for the Crown.

Lord Justice Rose, VP said that the maximum sentence for offences contrary to s 170 of the Customs and Excise Managment Act 1979 had been increased by section 12 of the Finance Act 1988 from two to seven years' imprisonment, and accordingly authorities reacted with other criminal activ- of duty were evaded, by re- years following a trial; for lating to offences committed ities involving gangs. There peated organised expeditions, before 29 July 1988, when sec- had recently been an increase tion 12 had come into effect, were no longer to be regarded as a reliable guide to the appropriate level of sentence.

The amount of duty evad-

ed was an important factor in determining the appropriate sentence, but other aggravating factors included playing an organisational role in the importation; making importations repeatedly, continuing to make importations despite a warning from the Customs and Excise; and importing more than one type of dutiable goods, for example alcobol and tobacco. Mitigating factors included a prompt plea of guilty, and, in many offences, previous good character and, in some offences, the personal

circumstances of the offender. Illicit importation of alcohol in violence towards and intimidation of customs officers and ferry staff. Hlicit alcohol and tobacco could pass more readily to under-aged consumers, and such goods were often transported in overloaded vehicles,

to the hazard of other road

users. Legitimate traders were unfairly deprived of business. The courts needed to distinguish hetween three hroad categories of offenders: those who imported comparatively small quantities on a few occasions; those who, acting on

leading to distribution on a sentences in the region of four commercial scale. In those cases, good character and personal circumstances would offer comparatively little mitigation. The following guidelines

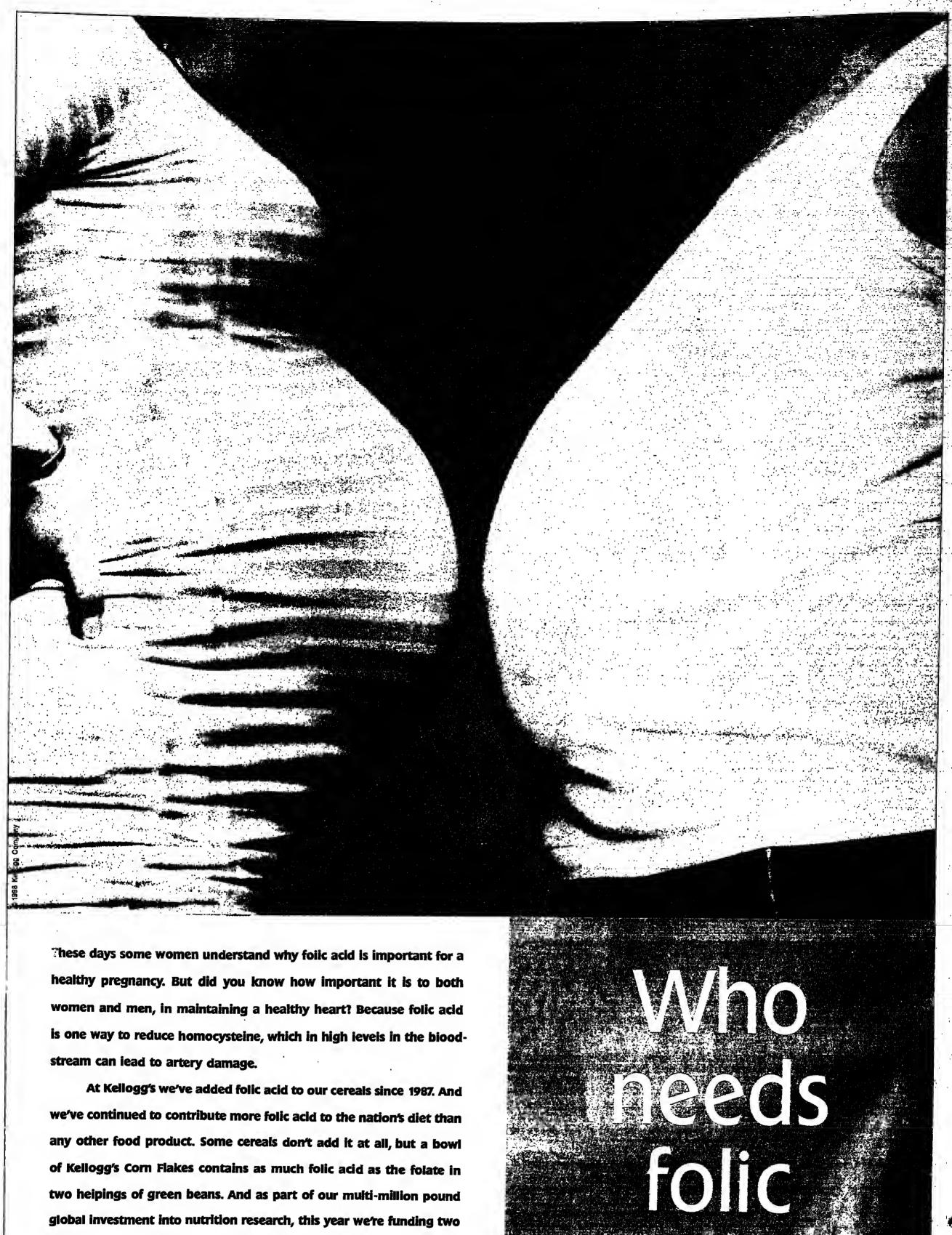
for sentencing levels by refer-

ence to the amount of duty involved were suggested: cases involving less than £10,000 would frequently be properly dealt with by magistrates, but in any event when the amount evaded was in the thousands of pounds custody would generally be called for and, on a plea their own or possibly with one months would be appropriate; other, persistently imported for amounts between £10,000 ereater quantities; and those in and £100,000, sentences of beorganised gangs who were in- tween six months and two volved in importation on a years would generally be aplarge commercial scale. There propriate on a guilty plea; for was a need for a deterrent el- amounts between £100,000 and ement in sentencing, particu- £500,000, two to three years on and tobacco was often associ- larly when significant amounts a guilty plea and up to four

amounts in excess of £500,000, years, increasing to the statutory maximum of seven years when £1m or more in duty was evaded, with a suitable discount for a plea of guilty.

In exceptional cases, where many millions of pounds in duty were evaded, consecutive sentences might be appropriate, and the charge, in the alternative, might properly be conspiracy to cheat, which could attract higher sentences than those already indicated. In addition, in an appropriate of guilty, sentences of up to six case, the court should also consider exercising its power to make a deprivation order under s 43 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973, and to disqualify drivers under s 44 of the Act. Justices had a power to revoke licences, where

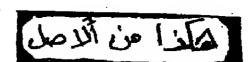
licensees were involved. Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister



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Good things can be bad

You might think that more bran and vitamins would keep you healthy. Not necessarily, writes Roger Dobson

him healthy. After all, most health education messages were stressing the importance of dietary fibre in the preventioo of bowel cancer and oth-

So each day, the 53-year-old businessman ate a portion of bran. Then, eight mooths or so into his new health regime, he hecame ill with abdominal toxic. pains and chronic sickness.

When puzzled surgeons operated they found that his bowel had effectively seized up, with solid bran blocking the small and large bowels. So firm was this mass of fibre that it had to be cut away. But some of it had also got into the body tissue where it sparked off toxic reactions. He has now had four operations, with a fifth likely.

"I started taking bran after I was told it was good for the bowel, but my life has been completely devastated by it," he says. "The effects on me of taking something which was meant to be healthy have been unbelievable, and I was only taking half the recommended amount

"After the last operation, my body went into shock and all the do so for years," says Professor involuntary muscle system in couldn't keep anything down and I dropped from 12 or 13 stones to nine. I have now beeo told this week that I will need a fifth operation."

Bran is ooe of a huge range of health foods, supplements and vitamins whose consumption has rocketed in the last two decades. But while some can be beneficial, it is being increasingly recognised that many are toxic in large and even moderate amounts, however oatural and innocuous they appear. In very high coocentrations, even

carrot juice can kill. "A patient who consumed quite phenomenal quantities of concentrated carrot juice and who was also taking vitamin pills containing A and B, gradually increased the amounts and eventually started to turn orange. His GP diagnosed jaunbeen true because there was in-

FRED RITTER was sure that deed liver damage, and be his breakfast bran would keep died," says Dr Mike Clifford, leader of the food safety research group at the University of Surrey.

Vitamin C, one of the most popular of vitamin supplements, which is taken for a diverse range of motives, from the prevention of cancers and colds to stopping cataracts forming, has also now been shown to be

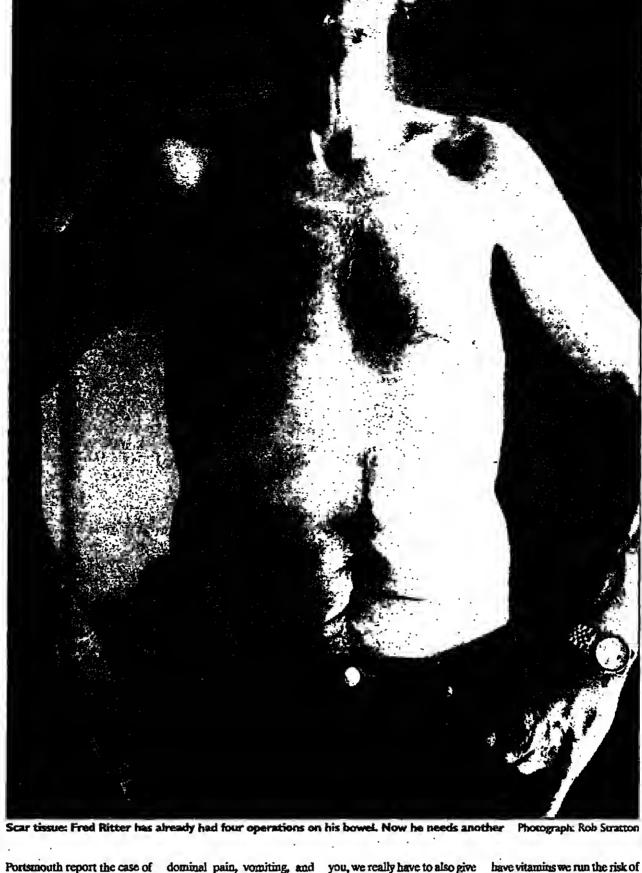
Research by a team of specialists at the University of Leicester established that taking more than 500mg of vitamin C daily, not uncommonly recommended amounts, increased the levels of particular chemicals in the blood which indicate that DNA is being damaged. Over the loog term, that kind of DNA damage is associated with cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, and heart disease.

"Some companies say that a gram a day is the amount of vitamin C to be takeo, while supermarket shelves suggest 500mg a day. But extrapolating our figures, that would do damage. Unless you're very severely deficient in vitamin C, you doo't oeed to take those sizes of doses. Yet some people Joseph Lunec of the universi-

Over-iodulgeoce in betacarotine, the main source of vitamin A, has also been linked to an elevated risk of cancer. while high doses of vitamin B6, a substance often used by womeo to relieve pre-menstrual tension, can cause neurological symptoms like tingling and numbness.

Nuts and dried fruit, which have increasingly become part of health-food diets, can be a source of iliness too. Mould growth as a consequence of poor storing can produce toxins like aflatoxin and ochratoxin which have been linked to liver damage, oervous system

problems and cancer. Consumption of dried fruit, rich sources of vitamin C and fibre, has also shot up, but can also cause rare problems. In the dice, which may have in part current issue of the British Medical Journal, surgeons in



Portsmouth report the case of a woman who underweot an emergeocy operation seven days after she had swallowed a

Some Chinese supplements and alternative medicines have been associated with a range of toxic side-effects. Doctors have, for example, been alerted to the potential dangers of products containing a herb called gwaikou, which has been reported as causing damage to the central nervous system, paralysis, nerve damage, comas and convulsions among users in Hong

Fred Ritter wants to see clearer warnings about the potential hazards of health food. a view echoed by his surgeon, consultant Mr Ken Shute, of the Royal Gwent Hospital.

You would not expect a relatively innocuous substance like bran to cause this kind of problem, but it has, and people : need to be aware that anything that has an effect must have a side-effect," he says.

"He presented with ab-

dominal pain, vomiting, and classic small bowel obstruction symptoms. When we operated we found this mass of solid bran dried apricut. The fruit had re- that was totally obstructing the constituted itself, swollen in size bowel. Tiny bits of bran had also the most astounding inflammatory tissue reaction. His

you, we really have to also give warnings oot to overdo it. I think there is a public perception that there is no limit to the amount of goodness something like bran will do.

diet, everything in moderation, avoid excesses, and doo't go on main problem was obstruction fads where you have ridicubut that led to this tissue reac- lously low levels as part of a diet

The effects of me taking something which was meant to begood for me have completely devastated my life'

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current intestinal obstruction. There is oo doubt that western populations don't take enough fibre, and as a result we end up with bowel disorders. But the problem is that if we try to put it all right in one go, we can do ourselves a lot of harm.

When we give advice to people that a high-fibre diet is good for

tion leading to fibrosis and re- or ridiculously high levels as supplements," he says.

He agrees that there is common misconception that there is no limit to the amount of benefit to be had from health foods and supplements, and no dangers in having larger amounts.

"If we are hearing one loud message that says that if we don't we eat.

sage that too much is not a good thing, there is an imbalance in the message and people will get the wrong idea. But of course which make money by selling a lot of supplements and health foods and they don't make so much money by warning people not to consume too much."

The health food and sup-

disease, and a much quieter mes-

plement industry is big business, with business worth, according to one estimate, more than \$250bn a year in the USA and Europe. Vitamins make up a substantial share of the business but, as Dr Robert Youngson, author of Medical Curiosities, says, few of us really need the high levels we take: "Any reasonable mixed diet, especially one featuring breakfast cereals, will contain far more than the minimum requirements."

In fact, as he points out, vitamins and supplements are so widely available in an average diet, we would ail be hard pressed oot to get the vitamins we oeed in the everyday food

Am I fragrant? Your questions answered



DR PHIL HAMMOND

DO: I smell?

Undoubtedly. All humans have their own idiosyncratic tincture, often so faint that it can only be detected by those who rub up against us. A few unfortunates give out signais at 6ft, but whether or not these are deemed unpleasant depends on cultural oorms as much as wind speed.

Incidentally, the female Emperor moth (Eudia pavonia) puts out a pheromone that can be picked up by a male 6.8 miles away. Why do I smell?

There must be some evolotionary advantage to smelling or it would have been banished from the gene pool. It's probably got something to do with keeping the flies off your tucker or tracking down your partner in the dark.

Perhaps it encourages us to mate with the same species (Desmond Morris can fill you in with the details here). Some couples admit to finding each other's scent a turn on, but theo sex has a remarkable capacity to make erstwhile vile smells and tastes alluring (if only for 10 minutes.)

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Sweat itself is largely blameless, unless you've pigged and alcohol (heoce the Sunday-morning stinker). It's the colonisation of sweat that's been hanging around for several hours by chemical-releasing bacteria that causes the problem.

Sweat tends to congregate in areas where it can't escape from in polite society (genitals, nipples and armpits). These areas are also blessed with a special type of sweat gland, the apocrine gland, which produces sticky, milky fluid containing fats and proteins. These glands become active in adolescence and their fluid is said to be pheromonal.

Unfortunately, it's also a bacterial feast. The other type of sweat gland (eccrine). is most concentrated on your forehead, palms and soles. Socks, gloves and woolly pom-pom hats provide an enclosed, airless environment for sweat-rotting bugs.

Why sweat? The average torso boasts two million sweat glands which chum out more than three litres every 24 hours (2.1mls a minute). Its function is to control body temperature and stop you overheating. Most of it evaporates easily. Hot weather, alcohol, exercise, obesity and

agitation up the production and humid conditions slow down evaporation.

Some people sweat buckets even when they are cold, sober, slim, stationary and stress-free. Although upsetting, this isn't harmful unless it is combined with other symptoms which suggest something else is responsible - for example weight loss, weakness, tremhling, increased appetite and bulging eyes (over-active thyroid gland or orgasm), night sweats, cough and weight loss (infection or tumour) or irregular periods (menopause).

How can I try to control my BO?

The text-book advice to wash all over and change your pants, socks and any skin-hugging clothes every day seems coodescending in the extreme. However, only a third of meo wash behind their foreskin every day, while the majority are either too lazy or actually enjoy the smell of their own

Sadly, some people with scrupulous personal hygiene still seem to sweat or smell excessively, and accusing them of skimping on the soap isn't particularly helpful. Others lack the mobility to reach under their armoits or perhaps can't afford the bot water.

Using an anti-hacterial or antiseptic soap, particularly in your apocrine areas can help, but avoid overwashing as it can remove healthy skin bacteria and make the problem worse. It is a good idea to dry carefully after bathing and pamper yourself with talcum powder as bacteria prefer moist skin.

Tight or synthetic clothes and night garmeots are out. Go for baggy cottons that allow the sweat to evaporate and sleep in the raw. Showwear cotton socks, rotate your shoes round, go easy on alcohol and try not to pile on the pork.

What about a deodorant? Deodorants alone just mask the smell and don't cut down on sweat rot. Choose wisely: the heady mix of BO and cheap cologne is worse than

BO alone. Go for one containing antiperspirant, too. These work by either stopping the bacteria from rotting or, rather perversely, by preventing the sweat from evaporating and holding the sweat and smell in.

Experiment with a few to find which type and method of delivery suits you best. Some can cause irritation and you would be unwise to apply them to broken skin or your genitals.

What if this doesn't work? Your doctor may prescribe a strong antiperspirant containing aluminium chloride. This reduces the amount of sweat you produce, but tends to cause skin irritation. In very severe cases, the

sweat glands can be surgically removed from under your arms. Unfortunately, this hurts and the sweating tends to return after a few

Taking on the superbugs

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A RECENT report from the House of Lords' science and technology committee warned of a "major threat to public health" in which antibiotic-resistant "superbugs" rage unchecked and killer diseases such as TB, gonorrhea and pneumonia cannot be cured by modern drugs. But overuse of antibiotics in medicine and farming is not confined to Britain. This is a global problem and one that has hit hard the developing world where

over the counter to millions of people. In developing countries such as Bangladesh, the situation is especially bad. Most people cannot afford to consult a trained doctor, so they take their symptoms to a "quack" (the accepted term there for . an untrained doctor). They often work from medicine shacks, side by side with "pharmacists", who are also often untrained.

powerful antibiotics, rarely used here, are sold.

"The quack will ask you how much money you have got and, depending on your answer, he will sell you your treatment." explains Dr Khairut Islam, national advisor for health in Bangladesh with the charity PLAN International. "It may be one day's worth of antibiotics and paracetamol. or two day's worth of antibiotics - so that you feel better for a few days."

But one or two day's dosage of antibiotics is only enough to kill off the most sensitive bacteria, while stronger strains of bacteria survive to cause further infectioo -which is now autibiotic resistant and harder to treat. TB is a case in point, because Service. He points out that many cheaper,

with drugs. We are now experiencing a global epidemic, which is killing three milhon people a year around the world.

Meanwhile, the poor in the developing world suffer increasingly from ill health, paying ever higher prices for new drugs without getting good quality treatment. "In the past 15 years we have exhausted four generations of antibiotics which no longer work for us because of overuse and not completing the course," says Dr Islam. "Our medicine shops are now selling ciprofloxacin which you only use with caution in the West -and its efficacy will be exhausted in another two years. We are sitting on a time bomb."

One way to try to end these abuses is to regulate the medicine shops. "At the moment, anybody can set up a medicine shop," says Dr Islam, "and you can buy any damn thing you want. The law is in place to stop that happening, but it is not enforced."

So, are the drug companies at fault? Dr Islam does not blame them directly, but he says this situation "definitely helps the business. They send their reps around our medicine shops and they justify it by saying they are updating our knowledge"." The picture is further complicated by the many small, backstreet drugs manufacturers who operate across Asia. "You may get 80 different brands of one drug," says David Livermore, head of the antibiotic reference unit at the UK's Public Health Laboratory

it calls for a very long period of treatment "pirate" brands are also cut with starch and not as strong as they claim to be.

Another alternative is to encourage the use of homeopathy, which is cheap, virtually free of side-effects and long established in Bangladesh. On a recent visit, I watched as Horish Chandra Roy, homeopath in the northern rural area of Dinajour, tended to around 100 people in just three hours.

The clinic, a one-room bamboo shack, offered no privacy for Monjiron, a skeletally thin woman of 40, as Roy took her pulses and looked at her tongue (Ayurvedic techniques of diagnosis). "I have fever, weakness, burning stomach pains and blackouts," she said. This could have been an infection meriting antibiotics, but Roy prescribed Bryonia and Nux Vomica. Monjiron paid seven taka (10p) to register for the year, plus a two taka charge for each subsequent visit, including remedies. Contrast that with the cost of antibiotics at 10 to 20 taka per tablet depending on strength.

Can we learn from Bangladesh? Homeopaths in Britain have long been advocating low-potency remedies as an alternative treatment of infections, while our bodies can heal without medication. Dr Islam says: "We cannot fully assess the efficacy of this treatment, but people who come here get comfort and attention. Medicine of whatever kind sometimes alleviates symptoms, sometimes cures disease - but it always consoles."

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The fruit trade that turned sour

A delegation from St Vincent is in Brussels this week in a last-ditch effort to save the tiny island's livelihood – and keep the drug barons at bay. By Louise Jury. Photographs by Tom Pilston

banana boat MV Elke, you would have no idea you were at sea. Steel walls tower overhead like the sides of a windowless New York skyscraper up to the black square of sky where boxes of bananas are swinging down from the giant crane for packing.

Sometime after midnight, when the last 46lb box has been fork-lifted into position, the doors will be slammed shut. As the sign with the skull and crossbones warns: "On completion of loading, oxygen will be re-moved from this hatch. Anyone remaining faces death."

In the nitrogen-rich environment of the high-tech hold, the 700 tons of bananas, cut just hours earlier in the plantations of the tiny Caribbean island of St Vincent, will be held in arrested development. When they arrive at Southampton in eight days' time for the perusal of buyers from Tesco and Sainsbury's, they will emerge in the same blemish-free condition in which they were loaded on this warm, breezy, Mon-

As we walk away from the ship, the economics of the situation are made clear by one of the ship's hands. "When we load 1,000 tons, everyone's really happy. 700 tons is just about all right. When it's 400, people are really worried."

They haven't loaded 1,000 tons in a long

St Vincent is an island teetering on the edge of crisis. The banana trade, the staple of the economy, is collapsing and farmers are going out of business. Many ruined growers are killing themselves in despair.

Responsibility for the problems facing islands like St Vincent lies with the Americas. The United States, at the instigation of the multinational fruit companies in Latin America, last year won a ruling from the World Trade Organisation that the preferential trading arrangements which have supported Caribbean banana exports to Europe for decades were illegal. The deals were deemed to be against the interests of free and fair trade.

If the European Union cannot find a compromise arrangement - as it is attempting to do at a crisis meeting of trade ministers and farmers in Brussels this week - the banana business of St Vincent will be destroyed. The EU, which has sent a social development adviser to work in the Caribbean because of the crisis, and anyone on St Vincent, knows what will happen then: young people, no longer able to earn a living from packing to the deadly drugs trade.

Superintendent Chiefton Noel, who heads the island's 24-man drugs squad, knows. His team seized more marijuana in the first two months of this year than in the whole of last year, and the island is already an acknowledged transit point for exporting cocaine to Britain and the United States. He shows a letter begging for police assistance in checking drug trafficking on board a ship between the islands. The ship owner is desperate and alarmed.

"Once we have the banana plantations out of operation, the acres of marijuana plantation will go higher because these people are farmers," Supt Noel says. Ash from the Soufriere volcano in the north of St Vincent makes a fertile growing ground, and these people have little else. "All these islands - St Vincent, St Lucia, Dominica, Grenada - rely on agriculture for survival. I don't know what the Windward Islands

STANDING deep within the hold of the will do if the banana plantations go down. We have a lot of people in St Vincent below the poverty line and they can be easily used by the drug dealers. Sometimes I go home and I cannot sleep."

Renwick Rose knows the banana industry inside out. The head of the Windward Islands Farmers' Association (WINFA), be is in Brussels this week pleading the islanders' case. "We're living with a time-bomb which is ticking away," Renwick says. Bananas are now Britain's favourite fruit and it is clear the market is going to grow. "But whether there is going to be room for our small farmers I just don't know."

Official figures show that 60 per cent of people who work on St Vincent are employed in the banana industry. Seventy per cent of its agricultural exports are bananas. But take a drive around the island and the decline is evident. From 6,500 farmers just a few years ago, there are now between 3,000, and 4,000. The uncertainty is discouraging even those who can still afford to grow, and many farmers have cut back production.

"That used to be banana plantations," says Wilberforce Emanuel, with a sweeping gesture of his arm. "And that."

Wilberforce grows three acres of bananas and is president of the 4,000strong National Farmers' Union (NFU), dominated by banana growers. His members are people like Matthew Trimmingbam, 51, who has abandoned some of his six acres because it just is not worth cultivating them. Disabled since he lost an arm in a car crash at carnival time, he cannot afford to pay the meagre cost of labour -EC\$25 (just over £5) a day, down from \$30 or more a day in the heyday of production in the 1980s. "My income is less than half of what is was," he says. "I'm not making any profit at all." Asked how long he can go on, he pauses. "I'm asking myself that question," he says eventually. "I don't think I can last long." That day, he was hoping to get EC\$210 (£46) for 30 boxes, barely covering his costs.

Another farmer, Elroy Smart, 40, says he could not tell you how much he earns. He used to sell 120 cartons of bananas every other week, now it is down to 12 or 15. "Some years I could have told you my income. Now it's so bad I couldn't. If I really studied my accounts, I might go mad. Yesterday I went to town to pay some bills. I don't think I received EC\$200 (£44) for the month but I needed H light bills and so on."

The NFU and WINFA are addressing the question of diversification, but it is difficult. To move from bananas to another crop could take up to five years. To tide you over, you need collateral. Without that, you have to keep on growing bananas, for the sake of the few East Caribbean dollars you can raise at market each week.

Among the alternatives is arrowroot, of which the island is the world's principal supplier, but it can only be dug by hand on the island's hilly slopes. Like the banana growers, arrowroot farmers cannot utilise the heavy machinery which makes ceotral American plantations so cost-effective. Another proposal is tourism, perhaps with visitors getting to stay on a real-life plantation.

In the meantime, Wilberforce is an advocate of a "fair trade banana" scheme, like those run in countries including Germany and Holland, along the lines of the fair trade



Island life: A plantation worker harvesting the crop (above); A farmer waits anxiously in a quality control warehouse to see if his fruit make the grade (below left); Sunday service, St George's Cathedral, Kingstown (below right)



uation can only improve it mere is a fair price - if the farmer is paid a fair price to cover the cost of production. It can only improve if the consumer, too, is being sold the bananas at a fair price. The supermarkets have very hig mark-ups."

Supermarket profits are not the whole story, though.

Only about one quarter of the money paid by the big stores in Britain reaches the islands' farmers by the time middle men and transporters have taken their cut.

The giant fruit-growers of central America - companies like Del Monte, Chlquita and Dole - have faced criticisms over the way they treat the staff on their vast plantatinns, but Wilberforce says that in some ways he envies those employees.

"If they work and earn \$5 they get \$5." Another problem is the standards demanded by both the EU, which in 1993 introduced tougher rules, even down to regulation lengths for fruit, and the su-

coffee already available in Britain."The sit- permarkets, which will accept nothing less

At the Hopewell "roving assessment centre", farmers have their bananas rigorously checked for blemishes before being sent for loading. Anxious not to lose business with the British supermarkets, which are St Vincent's only market, every box is checked thoroughly. Sometimes a farmer's whole crop might be rejected. As Ashley Cane, the 37-year-old supervisor at Hopewell, says: The supermarkets are relentless in their pursuit of the perfect banana. The unly way we can guarantee perfect fruit is by the greater use of pesticides."

But Wilberforce and Renwick are cootemptuous of the need for chemicals. You look at the skin of a hanana and it might look ugly but it's beautiful inside," Wilberforce says. "The more chemicals, the more the bananas come to perfection faster and the size becomes higger, but it is not grown naturally so the food is not what it should be."



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'The Betty Ford Clinic changed my life'

REVELATIONS

The place: Palm Springs, USA The woman: Lorna Luft, singer (daughter of Judy Gar-

"THE Betty Ford Clinic kept calling me and colling me. I'd arranged for my sister, Liza Minnelli to be admitted, but they wanted me to go through their family programme. I kept saying: "Wait a minute, it's my sister who's got the problem not me." What a stupid thing to say, boy was I wrong! When there's addiction, you don't know how it affects the whole

family - how it affects you. To reach the clinic you have to drive down a long driveway in the middle of the desert, until you reach a one-storey building which does not look like a hospital. It is a little stark, but has a beautiful lake and nice grounds. Elizabeth Taylor, who had just come out, had tald me what could happen between my sister and myself. It was just as well she prepared me because Liza was angry and poured out all sorts of resentments. The one thing I didn't know was that my life was about to change.

I'd been told that we started at 9am and finished at 5pm, so I'd brought a best girlfriend to babysit my son, who was only four-mnoths-old. I thnught: what could we possibly do all day? My dear, what we did. To be sitting in a room with complete strangers, from all walks of life, but who had all done the same things, was mind-blowing. As a child I had never said a word to anyone about my mother's problems. I could never call an ambulance, in case the press found out, I never told 98 per cent of the kids of adanybody at school. From an car-

dicts are going to be addicts themselves, suddenly the lightly age I learnt how to fic. We would go round the room and bulb went on. No wonder I'd tell our stories, I discovered had my own problems with cowe'd all covered up. There was caine. I was in denial even a wonderful lady who said: "I when snorting up half of Peru would take all the booze in my at Studio 54. Some people, not house and put it in pots on the a lot because most were also doing it, would ask if I was doing stove, burn the alcohol off and put it back in the bottle." We the same as my mother did. I all went: "wow, that's a really would reply: "No way, I don't good idea." But the counsellor have a problem because I only do it at night." You actually say was not so impressed: "Did you think about the four bars he this crap and believe it. Fortustapped off at an the way oately, by then, I had already hume?" We all cracked up stupped taking cocaine; the laughing. I would check the hanguvers were getting too seams of my mothers' clothes much. I couldn't take the and the curtains for hidden pills throwing up or the headaches - but at that time I didn't know and exhaustinn. I was sick and tired of feeling sick and

When the staff told me that

Slowly I discovered that all my behavinur was textbook the biggest release and relief ever. I learnt: I didn't do anything wrnog, I didn't cause it. I couldn't have cured it and I couldn't have controlled it. For the first time since my childhood I did unt feel alone.

I'd understood, but putting everything i a learnt at Betty Ford into practice was quite another thing. I had one last battle. I'd chosen a husband who needed a partner with the training I'd received as a child. He was an alcoholic and I was an expert co-dependent. The lies I went through: be could control it and stop whenever he felt like it. The hardest part of the programme is letting go. We were on a flight to London: I went to a seat further back because my daughter was tired and there was room to lay her out. I saw the stewardess go up with a glass of red wine. I knew one drink would lead to another. I thought 'no, I'm not going to deal with this anymore'. I walked up in him, he'd pulled a blanket over his head.

I pulled the blanket away and underneath he was all blearyeyed with this glass. Standing in the aisle of that 747, I finally got it. I told him: "That's it. I'm out

of here." Perfectly calm, I walked back down the aisle to my seat and my daughter. I felt great. Eveo though I didn't know where I would go, beyond an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, when I stepped off that plane.

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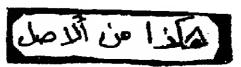
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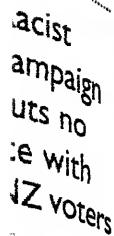
There have been 40-odd books written about my family but none of those authors have lived in my house. I wanted to set the record straight, Everybody else has told about the crazy part of my mother, I want to show how much of the sane part there was to look after me. I loved my muther so much, she would do anything in the world for her kids. She had such a wonderful sense of humour and was so warm. Sadly she did not have a Betty Ford Clinic: we had no help and no

education. Nothing.
When people ask 'did my mother ever have a chance?' I say: 'No - she had no choice.' Yet she is always with me in the face of my daughter and the heart of my son. I knew Judy Garland the person, everybody else knew the legeod."

Interview by Andrew G Marshall

Me and My Shadows, by Lorna Luft, is published by Sidgwick & Jackson, £16.99







Double vision: Kapoor's work 'Untitled' (above) looks like a televisinn screen but is, in fact, a slot, leading into a void

Space invaders

Anish Kapoor's creations draw you into their depths with mesmerising and disturbing effects, says Tom Lubbock

ABOUT optical illusions etc. We animals survive through knowing our way around the world. It's always impressive the way cats, say, refuse to look in mirrors because they realise that mirrors are just hopelessly confusing sources of information. The love of getting lost, the pursuit of bafflement, are disetly burnan things. But if that's the kind of creature you are, proceed at once to the Hayward Gailery to see the work of Anish Kapoor.

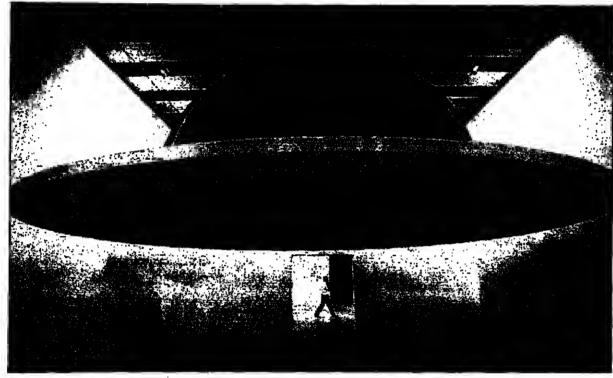
For the past 15 years this sculptor has been successfully undermining the known world. His first pieces were regular and irregular objects covered in coloured pigments so intense that the eye trying to register their solid volumes only saw a shimmering shape. Later, he began sinking dark cavities into rocks, such black holes that there seemed to be literally nothing inside. And in the past few years Kapoor has brought his illusionistic skills to what looks like their destined perfection.

This recent work is what fills the Hayward. Some of it is sunk into the walls or floors. Some of is enormous. It's heartening to see an artist knowing completely what he's doing, and I doubt if anyone could not be staggered by these sundry apparitions, transformations and vanishing uicks, whatever value they night put on them afterwards.

The first piece you meet gives a pretty good idea of what's to come. It's called My Body, Your Body and it looks at first like something definite: an oblong, the size of a door, painted in deep blue on the white wall. But then you know how in cartoons the prankster will sometimes "pi up" a man-hole - take it from the ground as if it were a black disc and lay it down again in the path of the fall-guy, whereupon it turns back into a hote? Here it is done for real.

For, approached, this flat

suddenly gets deep. It's not painted on, its an oblong slot cut out of the wall, with a deep blue cavity behind. You can put your hand through it. You can catch an echo of your voice in it. But look in, and another thing hap-This cavity appears, not as a hollow chamber, but as a boundless void. You know there is a surface in there somewhere, and not too far back. You know you're looking straight at it. But the eye can't find a place to All you can see is a deep blue yonder, a space without coordinates. The eye's first guess was that this floating blueness was painted on the wall. Now it seems to be nowhere at all.





'At the Edge of the World IP (above) is all-enveloping. beneath it you lose your bearings as the world turns upside down. Standing between 'Double Mirror' (left), your image fractures and threatens to disappear Photographs:

And then a further development: you can, at certain angles, just a lime of what's really there, the interior contour of the cavity. The eye catches a curved highlight, revealing the rim of a plunging, vulva-like hole. But this form is visible so fleetingly that you never get a clear view of it, and may wonder whether it, too, isn't an apparition. The only constants are the oblong shape and the colour blue.

I dwell on My Body, Your Body because it has all Kapoor's main effects - an illusion of something definite, an illusion of something absolutely indefinite, a glimpse of what's really there. In other works they happeo in a different order, or with different emphases. The results can be even more astonishing.

Untitled, which sits in the second room, looks like a buge, curvaceous, futuristic telly with a wide screen showing luminous grey. But this "screen" is anto another hollow, another void, and the whole thing becomes a kind of tardis, a finite fibreglass egg containing an infinite gulf of air - and you really can't focus at all on the inside of the cavity.

Or again, what's really there may be quite obvious illusion, when it happens, the more startling. Upstairs, there is another fibreglass object, White Dark, a nation, it's a matter of cye-brain

10ft-high white cuboid, with a great dimple-crater smoothly sucked into one of its faces. You see that clear enough. But move a little, and this face goes firm and flat like the rest. Move again and the solid form dematerialises, turns to a vague mist. When I Am Pregnant is more daring still. A teet-like protuberance, rising out of a wall, though sharply visible in profile, simply disappears when seen straight on,

For 20 years Kapoor has been successfully undermining the known world

All this is very satisfying. The art is sure of its effects. They are perfectly judged and perfectly executed. (I wasn't so interested in the works that used mirrors: their surprises weren't so surprising). What's more, this sureness promotes community among viewers. We're all having the same disorienting experiences and we know it. It's not a matter of taste or imagifunction, and this unanimity, rare in art galleries, is satisfying, ton (though a little frustraing for the critic, who can only add his coo to the chorus).

But beyond this basic shared

experience, Kapoor's audience is likely to divide significantly. Standing, say, beneath the final work, At the Edge of the World, a massive red bell-dome which, when you get under it and look up, acquires the elevating vastness of a starless night sky, one lot of viewers will be saying: "I am losing all sense of the boundaries of the world and of myself, I am entering an altered state." And these people will probably be more susceptible, also, to the many ways that the experience can be interpreted - psychicalty, sexually, spiritually -- indeed, there really seems no limit to the metaphors you can make of Kapoor's illusions. But another lot of viewers will simply be saying: "This effect is extraordinarily clever and fascinating, I wonder now it's come."

You could feel both, I guess. I had a really spacey time of it, I'm with the latter lot. Bewildered, I want to know how I'm being bewildered. I mean, Kapoors lighting must be very carefully controlled, but are specifically light-diffusing pigused? And the smoothness of until 14 June.

the curves is clearly crucial to making contours dematerialise, but is some actual maths involveu too?

Phillip Meech

And this practical attitude is likely to take Kapoor's superbcalculated disorientations less as a revelation or an ecstatic state or even a thrilling semiscare, more as a salutary warning of how fragile our sensory survival mechanism can be. What some see as sublime, uncanny, are just breakdowns and short-circuits. If all life was like this, we wouldn't stand a chance. The bottom line is, we have to sort such things out. Or that's what my lot says.

But what I think is admirable about Kapoor's work is that it doesn't insist either way. It allows each party its response. It holds its ground betweeo the material and the transcendental. It urges only, what is plainly true, that things can sometimes get very mysterious, and mystery always makes a ciaim. Humans clearly have a penchant for such breakdown experiences, and perhaps are bound to find them meaningful. A cat would sensibly avert its gaze, but we can't tear our eyes away.

Anish Kapoor's work is at the ments and materials being Hayward Gallery, London SE1,

Revealing the reality behind the illusion

The origins of a masterpiece of surrealism have been ignored for 17 years, writes John Windsor

THE enigma of René Magritte's famous painting of a pipe still puzzles the crowds that shuffle past it at the big ceotenary retrospective exhibition of his work in his home town, Brussels. Its secret - a private joke of Magritte's might have died with him but for detective work by a young academic whose revelations have been passed over by art historians for 17 years.

"This is not a pipe" says the Belgian Surrealist's inscription. That's the point, intoge art historians. It's only paint on canvas - Magritte's play on the way painting represents three-dimensional objects as two-dimensional illusions. But look at the pipe on the shopfront of Vinche's, the tobacconist's, in the Rue Marché Aux Herbes, in the heart of Brussels. Is it not remarkably familiar?

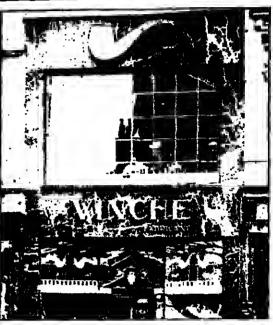
This is the pipe that inspired Magritte. It is, nf course, only a representation of a pipe - flat, two dimensional. Ceci n'est pas une pipe. "No," Magritte must bave chuckled to himself, "and it never was,"

A tall story? Back in 1980, Silvano Levy, now senior lecturer in French at Keele University, was researching a PhD thesis on Magritte. He spotted a photograph of Vinche's shopfront in a book on Twenties window dressing. "Suddenly, Magritte's pipe flashed in front of my eyes. The photograph had been taken in 1927, the year before Magritte painted his pipe. It was dominant, overwhelmin the painting."

A descendant of Vinche, located through the Brussels telephone directory, supplied Levy with the original photograph of the shopfront, as it then was, but had no tales to tell about Magritte. Nevertheless, the photograph showed not only the giant pipe screwed to the second-floor facade, but two pairs of pipes in stained glass in the shop window that were the exact shape and pose of a pair of pipes that Magritte had drawn, joined at the mouth-

"That clinched it for me". he said. "I realised I had





Linked? The sign above Vinche's shop (above) and Magritte's 'Ceci n'est pas une pipe' (top) Photographs: Giraudon/Bridgeman Art Library/DACS

found the source of one of the most famous images of the 20th century." But he still lacked first-hand evidence that Magritte bad ever clapped eyes on Vinche's pipes.

Soon afterwards, he found himself taking tea and petits fours in the comfortable Brussels sitting room of Magritte's late widow, Georgette, then oearly 80. Instantly recognisable as the artist's model poised, polite and still beautiful - she sat at the piano and played him airs by Satie, just as she had for Reoé. But she had never beard him talk

"Yes," she said, "he would have known of the shop". But then, so did everyone else in Brussels. It was Louis Scuteoaire, who worked with Magritte, who firmed up the connection. "Yes," he told Levy, "Magritte knew the shop and walked past it practically every week." Like Georgette's bouse,

Scutenaire's was encrusted with paintings by Magritte. There were even Magrittes hanging over the bath. "What would happen if they fell in?" Levy asked him. "Then they would get wet," was the reply.

Levy had, of course, already visited the shop. He found it selling not pipes, but electronic calculators. "I took phntographs," be said: "They must have thought I was some sort of maniac or industrial spy." They knew nothing of Magritte.

Levy published his findings in a paper, "René Magritte and Window Display" in Artscribe No 28 of March 1981. Since then, the paper has been occasionally cited in standard works on Magritte, but the discovery of the original pipe has not got a mention. A pity, thinks Levy.

"The significance of disoriginates from a 2D image is that, in reality, in the world in which we live and breathe, the 2D world exists in its own right. It's a major additional step in the interpretation of Magritte's painting that academics and writers have not fully appreciated."

Is anything left of Vinche's pipe? Gazing upwards tn where it had been screwed to the shop's marble cladding, Levy could discern its shape. The marble was paler where the pipe had protected it from the weather. Not a pipe. Not even a representation of a pipe. Just a virtual reality. But a reality all the same.

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Prescott deserves a clear road

HOW WAS the bank holiday weekend for you? We hope that you weren't one of the poor souls who were delayed for 63 minutes on the Virgin Express from Birmingham to Edinburgh. Or caught in the nasty jams around Rothersthorpe services on the M1. Or any other of the ritual endurance

Well, the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, is the man responsihle for sorting out, as much as any mortal politician can, the transport mess. In fact it might not be too great an exaggeration to say that all of John Prescott's life has been n preparation for the White Paper on an integrated transport policy which he is due to unveil next month. It is as if young Johnny has been up in his Whitehall bedroom for months grappling with his train set, strategically ordering his toy cars and planes and boats, and, most importantly, his bus collection, manfully trying to, well, integrate them. All this so he can unveil the tableau to the whole school and win first prize in the "Sixth Form Integrated Transport Policy" competition. It is even said that another of the prefects, Gordon Brown, has been allowed to cast an eye over things and thought that the plan to introduce charges on motorists to ease congestion a jolly clever wheeze. But, entirely uninvited, along comes that little squirt, Geoffrey Norris, from the No 10 policy unit nursery school down the road. He then presumptuously tells him - John Prescott - that the Headmaster, Mr Blair, has heard that the plans are too unfriendly to cars, which, doesn't he realise, are a liberating force.

It must have been hard to take. Mr Prescott is rightly wary of being patronised by people he might consider his social, political or intellectual equals, let alone the likes of Geoffrey Norris (Mr Prescott describes his sort as "teeny boppers"). But Mr Prescott must, once again, do what he has hecome rather good at - calm down, ignore the criticism and get on with the job. There will he more support for him than he might think.

It is hard to exaggerate the importance of the White Paper on Transport Policy. It will be the first look at the whole picture for 20 years. The projected growth in road traffic is unsustainable. By all accounts the White Paper will have some excellent and radical ideas on which Mr Prescott should indeed stand his ground. He should do this both for the sake of the policy itself and also for the good of new Labour. Mr Blair'a party is in danger of being all-too-easily accused of running away from radical policy initiatives that might frighten middle England's horses, no matter what might be in the long-term interests of the country as a whole. Mr Prescott says that "hard and difficult" choices must be made. Some of the hints about what will be in the White Paper suggest that they will indeed be challenging ideas. They should be supported.

Local councils should indeed be given powers to levy "congestion charges" on motorists who hring their cars into towns and cities at peak times, and should also be allowed to place heavy taxes on "private non-residential parking", which would affect people who use their cars to go to work or shop. Shops, offices and factories should be charged for parking. The money raised can be used by councils to finance transport projects and should not be simply swallowed up by the Treasury, a point the Chancellor seems to have conceded. Mr Prescott does, however, need to look carefully at the potential problem of neighbouring towns competing to levy the lowest charges in the interests of stimulating trade. If workable measures were brought in they would also give the higgest liberating and reinvigorating boost to local government that we will have seen in decades.

Mr Blair and his policy wonks are right to feel anxious about the political impact of the proposals. But Mr Blair has shown himself both ready to engage in political argument and unafraid of the task of persuading people that changes which seem to be damaging are necessary, and in the long lerm also to their advantage. Of course the motor car is a liberating force. The automobile is not an "enemy". Would that we had a public transport system that could offer the same choices - and at cost that competes with the marginal costs of using a car. But we cannot afford to duck the hard issues, the problems of pollution and congestion, the madequacies of public transport that many of us have to face every day. We all of as suffer as consumers of foul air, as parents and as commuters as well as road-users if we fail to tackle the issues. We must wind down gently our reliance on the car and boost decent public transport.

"John Prescott saves the planet" is not a headline we are ever likely to see. But his work at the Kyoto summit on the environment and his efforts to make a workable transport policy - which stretch back way into the years of opposition - deserve all of our support. Mr Prescott has shown that he can be an enormous asset to this government by eschewing spin and getting on with the joh. Mr Blair should call off his bossy messenger boys.

Send her off and let me watch the football!

MOST BRITISH men would rather watch the World Cup on television than have sex with the woman of their dreams, according to a recent survey. What is going on?

The detailed findings are, if anything, even more difficult to fathom. Think about Denise van Outen. Think about Kate Moss. But more than 95 per cent of men aged 20-34, and surely at the peak of their libido, said that not even the chance of going to bed with their fantasy woman would tear them away from the screen after kick-off this summer. Well, Scotland are playing, after all. The over-35s are said to be more likely to be distracted by Kim Basinger or some other sex symbol turning up on their doorsteps, but still only 40 per cent of them admitted they could be lured away by a dream woman, with 60 per cent sticking to Argentina vs Cameroon. Reminding ourselves of the welter of opinion polls on the Government's first year, we are confronted with the possibility that sex is less popular than new Labour. These are dangerous times. Who will you be playing this summer?



'Paedophile art'

I DON'T think Margaret Kennedy's article (29 April) was an "intemperate outburst", as Eamon Duffy makes out. Indeed his and Ian Hurdley's letters on the subject of the Eric Gill Stations of the Cross in Westminster Cathedral (30 April) betray in a classic way how those who have not suffered put down those who have. To victims it seems that the church so often sides with the offender. Art, gifts and wealth are what appear to count more than the cry for help.

Of course we all have our dark sides, artists sometimes more than others, and art may be a redemptive activity. However, if this is so with Gill and his work is to be retained, then both aspects need to be made plain, and the sufferings of people like Margaret Kennedy must be taken into account. The church (of any denomination) so often neglects to do this, substituting the necessary vision with a glib triumphalism. Gill the artist is remembered; Gill the sinner, even the redeemed and forgiven sinner, is forgotten, and with him those he damaged.

One reason is that art historians and critics like to think that art is allimportant and any disparagement is philistine. Another is one-upmanship by the church. Gill was a convert to Cathoticism: therefore he has to be an adornment. It is difficult to admit that those who swallow your medicine remain flawed. (Again, all churches are the same.)

When Gill worked, we knew much less about paedophilia. Now we have the knowledge, the way in which his work is displayed needs to be reassessed. "Great art transcends the limitations of the human beings who make it." Maybe, but what about the viewers? For whose sake is it displayed?

The Rev BA HOPKINSON Stainton, Middlesbrough

MAYBE removal of the Westminster Cathedral Stations of the Cross executed by the paedophile Eric Gill is not feasible. However, we believe there should be recognition and support of Christian Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

Perhaps a new piece of art could open to free information flows".

LETTERS

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dral as an acknowledgement of the hurt and suffering caused by such behaviour. It could mark a place of prayer and remembrance for all victims of sexual, physical, mental and spiritual abuse. LALA WINKLEY We are Church UK.

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IN GENERAL I agree with Eamon Duffy about the private lives of artists. However, the church is currently struggling to come to terms with a recent history of denial of paedophilia within its ranks. It is not helpful to healing and reconciliation if the hierarchy is perceived to be defending artefacts rather than supporting the human victims. In the circumstances I think the Stations of the Cross should be removed. JOANNA PALLISTER

I MUST be one of the few people still living who actually knew Eric Gill. My father, Hilary Pepler, was co-founder with Gill of the Ditchling Community and I was brought up on the Common. I knew all the Gill girls well; the eldest married my eldest brother, David. I remember Eric Gill attempting to teach us children to sing plainsong. He was patient and kind. To suggest that his beautiful carvings in Westminster Cathedral could be in any way an evil influence would be utterly laughable if it were not sinister, leading us back to the Cromwellian times of statue-bashing intolerance. SUSAN FALKNER Abergavenny, Gwent

Global labour market

THE NEED for globalisation of markets in capital and of goods seems to be almost universally accepted these days, and now Diane Coyle ("Why global markets need to be

be created for Westminster Cathe- 1 May) makes a case for the equally free flow of information.

She has some caveats about the human, social and environmental dimension of globalisation, yet still omits - as do all commentaries I have seen - any mention of the possibility of including the fourth element of commercial interaction: labour. Somehow, the free movement of this commodity is not deemed to be a good thing; indeed it is anathematised as "economic migration", and controls on it get ever tighter. Yet the poor have nothing else to sell, and their inclusion within the global economy would benefit all of us.

What makes labour so different from the other elements of commerce? Is it just that you can't self shares in it?

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Debate that never was

LORD HOLME'S article on the party leaders' television debate that never happened (Media, 27 April) added some fascinating new information - above all the confirmation that the parties did conduct secret negotiations with one another face-toface. Lord Holme worked hard to make the debates happen and it is characteristically generous of him to ITN give the hroadcasters credit for their efforts even though be deeply disapproved of some of our tactics. But his account of the role played in the negotiations by ITN and ITV is wrong on a number of important facts.

It is not the case that ITN and ITV, working together, put a proposal to the Conservatives first, leaving the opposition parties and the BBC "sitting unhappily on the sidelines". We approached all three parties at the same time with the same proposal. Far from being on the sidelines, the BBC was making similar proposals to ours to all three parties. It is not the case that the Conservatives instantly "accepted" the ITN/ITV proposal. They did not, and we negotiated with them on the same basis as the other two parties. They finally accepted our proposal as Labour set a deadline and the ne-

first week of the election campaign. Lord Holme says we gave too much to the Conservatives - and told us so at the time. But at the same farmers and traders mentioned in time the Conservatives were telling your report of 27 April, significant secus we had given too much to the Lib- tions of the derelict trackbed have eral Democrats and Labour was been used for many years as walking telling us that they wanted an almost routes, by visitors and locals alike. Alcompletely different programme though suitable diverted routes are from the one we had proposed.

The reality is that by the end of the first week of the election campaign both we and the BBC had resolved all the scrious objections and obstacles to a debate taking place. The final issues of minor adjustments to timings and structure would have seemed trivial to anyone outside the hothouse world of politics in the middle of a general election. In the end none of the parties wanted the debate enough to make some very small compromises. Of course the broadcasters have lessons to learn - but the parties really cannot blame us for their failure to agree. RICHARD TAIT Editor-in-Chief

London WCI

O horror!

YOUR OBITUARY of Pauline Réage (2 May), and her notorious Histoire d'O, recalled the sheer disappointment of buying the book as a young man. As a model railway enthusiast, always eager to read about small-gauge railway engines and rolling stock, one was mortified to discover in translation that the Story of 'O' was something other than a history of Homby, Basset Lowke et al. ROBERT VINCENT

Snowdonia railway

ANDREW GORDON makes a plea (letter, 29 April) for railways as a means of access to national parks. He may not be familiar with the detail of the Snowdonia proposal.

The National Park and local authorities have a traffic study under way and we should not be surprised if restrictions are suggested for private cars. The proposed railway can only make economic sense, however, with a vast increase in visitor numbers. Fugotiations collapsed at the end of the ture transport demand (excluding railway enthusiasts) can be cheaply met by an improved bus service.

In addition to the concerns of possible in some places, in others there is no alternative. Near the Snowdon Ranger youth hostel, for instance, the only real option will be a twisting and dangerous main road. PETE BLAND

Vice-chairman, Ramblers' Association, North Wales Area

Cannabis cure

PETE BARRETT (letter 27 April) writes that all the cannabis users he knows are addicted to tobacco. This should not be used as an argument to support the continued ban on cannabis. Many regular users are now choosing to smoke it neat or make cakes and drinks in light of continued evidence of the dangers of tobacco.

Indeed, I know a number of lifelong smokers who have used cannabis as an effective means to quit the tobacco habit. One, in particular, who had tried virtually every method of giving up and had not used the drug before, found that an occasional smoke of cannabis not only satisfied the craving for the feeling of smoke in the lungs, but enabled him to cope with nicotine craving as well.

It is ridiculous that the dangerous drug is legal while the therapy is not. JUSTIN BRETT

Beethoven? Pompous. Hepworth? Depressing. Let's slaughter the sacred cows of culture



WHEN CHRIS SMITH said the other day that he did not consider Dylan necessarily inferior to Keats, he was, whether he knew it or not, offending at least three sets of peo-

One was the Weish, who antomucally assume that the name Dylan can only mean Dylan Thomas, whom they take to be superior to everyone. The second was people who can't stand Bob Dylan. The third was people who have never read Keats and who feel either offended or browbeaten at

being expected to have an opinion about him. I would also like to set the ball rolling for a fourth set of offended people, to which I would like to belong, namely those who feel tired at the thought of having to pay lip-service to anyone, be it Keats or Bob Dylan. When Tony Palmer made headlines in the 1960s by saying that the Beatles were the greatest songwriters since Schubert, we why he didn't go round talking about it. It's assume that people were either shocked or not one of the things you're meant to say.

pleased, but there must have been a lot of people who were left unmoved precisely because they didn't have very strong feelings about either. It would be nice to speak up for them.

We are all guilty of assuming this lip-service duty from time to time. I remember an occasion on which my first wife and I decided that we would do something we had never done before and buy scats for a concert at the Albert Hall, and we took along our friends Terry and Alison. It was a safe enough programme, full of Beethoven, mostly, and it wasn't till much later that Terry told me how

stand Beethoven," he said. "Never could. Bombastic, pompous constructor of public works ... Pain in the ass."

much he had been bored by the evening. "I like most classical music, but I can't

I can see what he meant. I could also see

There are certain things we are meant to treat as Western icons, and woe betide us if we opt out of too many of them. The Bible and Shakespeare are two of them, which is why they are dished out to guests on Descrt Island Discs like sea-sickness pills. But Mozart and/or Wagner ... football ...

Magritte ... opera ... Stravinsky ... Picas-so ... the Rolling Stones ... Princess Diana . Oscar Wilde ... these are all pin-ups of the times, and you must be very careful of your ground before you cast aspersions at such holy cows.

Well, I wonder if there are many more like me with severe doubts in the field of modern art, especially modern sculpture. I first realised that I had troubles here when I failed, after years of trying, to derive any enjoyment at all from Henry Moore. This distressed my friend and colleague at Punch, the assistant art editor Geoffrey Dickinson, who actually dragged me along

to a hig Moore exhibition at the Tate to convert me. It was uscless. I still saw nothing in Moore. So I was rather glad that Geoff was not around when I went, some years back, to the Edinburgh Botanical Gardens and wandered round a Barbara Hepworth show in the open air. This was different from the Moore experience. Moore left me cold. Hepworth t actively disliked. Her shapes seemed sullen and heavy, and depressing. They dragged down the fresh greenness of the gardens, and slowed the dance of nature to a halt. Most unpleasant.

But you always have to make sure you're not making a fool of yourself, so when, earlier this year, my wife and I went to Corawall for an out-of-season experience we did the right thing by visiting Barbara Hepworth's garden and the Tate Gallery, both at St Ives. I tried, I really tried, but I had the same experience in both. Liked the garden, loved the gallery, couldn't take the

art seriously in either. Most of the contents of the Tate was, I think, modish rubbish, but the Hepworth not only seemed as beavy and as lifeless as I remembered it from Edinburgh, it also seemed terribly dated - it reminded me of a lot of the mannered stuff washing around in the 1950s which made it such a good decade to get out of.

I take no particular pleasure in taking

Gilwern, Gwent

no pleasure in Hepworth, though it does save valuable time, and I take no particular pleasure in parading my prejudice today, except that if it encourages anyone else to be brave enough to admit to their blind spots and get it over with, it might have been worthwhile. Oh, and of course, you might feel like doing the opposite, which requires equal amounts of bravery, i.e. admitting to admiration for the aunt Sallies of our time - Mrs Thatcher, Georgette Heyer, Prince Charles, Jacques Santer, Paul Daniels, Esther Rantzen ... add your own names.

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Don't worry about selling the family silver – just buy more



ANDREAS WHITTAM SMITH ON FOREIGN **TAKEOVERS**

I DON'T think we should mind at all that three British husinesses, each household names founded at the turn of the century, look about to come under foreign ownership. I am referring to Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, to the RAC motoring organisation and to EMI, one of the biggest record companies in the world. All three bave received takeover offers from overseas. Rolls-Royce is the subject of a battle for control between BMW and Volkswagen and the price may reach £500m. The RAC breakdown service is being sold to an American company, Cendant, which, having just bought National Car Parks and the Green Flag breakdown service, wants to create a powerful rival to the Automobile Association. EMI is in a different league. We are talking hillions of pounds rather than hundreds of millions. The secret suitor is probably Seagram, the giant Canadian drinks and music publishing group.

Concern about foreign take-overs is not limited to third world countries worried about exploitation, I have a hit of sympathy with Canada, where the US bas a commanding sence of British huyers as well as the declpresence. The fear that the Canadian economy could become a collection of branch offices for American multinationals is understandable. It generates a feeling of powerlessness. To take a local example, you find the same sentiment on Merseyside, which long ago lost the headquarters of renowned businesses such as Unilever, Royal Insurance and Cunard. I am less impressed by French hostility to foreign ownership, which appears to be chauvinistic. France's desire always to find a "French solution" when companies find themselves in receipt of foreign take-overs has weakened rather than strengthened its industry. The French are much less successful than they should be in international banking and in information technology for this reason. Among advanced industrial nations, however, Japan is the most extreme example of resistance to foreign ownership. The door has been tightly shut, partly by the preva- Kingdom is well represented in the remainlence of cross-shareholding. But now that the ing 30 per cent. I am not saying that creat-Japanese way of doing business is in disarray, that may have to change. The UK and the US have the least resistance to foreign take-overs and, in turn, are the most aggressive in returning the compliment.

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As a matter of fact, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and the RAC breakdown service will almost certainly benefit from a change in ownership. Rolls-Royce's present owners, Vickers, cannot afford the investment needed to sustain the hunnry car maker in the marketplace. BMW's plans include doubling the workforce to about 4,000 and tripling out-

put to 6,000 cars a year. In the case of the RAC's breakdown service, its present own-ers are, after all, a West End club. It is right that the Club's 12,000 members should cash in to the tune of around £34,000 each and the Club retain an endowment of £30m while the business goes to owners focused on commercial considerations. Stronger competition with the AA will be beneficial for motorists.

EMI is a different proposition. It is viable on its own, albeit not doing very well. It is a record publisher, whose skill is finding and developing artistes and genres; it is a valuable intellectual property, comprising an amazing backlist ranging from the Beatles to Callas, and it is also a disc manufacturer. As a small shareholder myself, I shall be disgusted if the chairman, Sir Colin Southgate (the man also charged with rescuing the Royal Opera House) does not arrange an auction that obtains a sky-high price.

But these famous companies are going into foreign ownership. Does this really matter? It certainly irks some of the shareholders in the present British owners of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Vickers. At last week's annual meeting they were loudly critical of the decision to sell. They were "disgusted" and "outraged" at the disposal of a "national jewel". Nor were they mollified by the decision to return £197m of the sale proceeds directly to them. Amazingly, when the chairman, Sir Colin Chandler, asked shareholders if they wanted the money returned, he was met with shouts of "no".

I have two responses to this. In the first place, British companies can come along and bid for Rolls-Royce, the RAC and EMI if they wish to do so. In particular, the price ticket for Rolls-Royce is within the buying range of the United Kingdom's top 100 companies; and the husiness has been unofficially on sale for many years. If you want to be disgusted about these sales, you have to hlame the absions of the sellers.

Second, consider how one might invest the proceeds of the sales back into British industry and help create new, vibrant businesses. In the case of the motor industry, while nobody has been looking, so to speak, this country has created, in the past 25 years or so, a series of world-beating small companies. They manufacture racing cars for Formula One and the American equivalent, and dominate motor racing. The sector comprises a web of small, creative, highly specialised engineering companies. In their way the managers of these companies are quite as ionovative and audacious as the original Mr Rolls and Mr

The same situation exists in the British record industry. While EMI is one of the big six companies which control 70 per cent of the world's record business, the United ing a new record label is easy, but it is done. There is a seed-bed of exciting British ventures in music publishing out of which can emerge businesses that match EMI for verve if not for size.

In short, when a foreign buyer comes along and offers a great deal of money for a British household name, shareholders should say "thank you very much" and re-invest in something more promising. The wringing of hands and the expression of regrets about selfing off the "family silver" or the so-called "Crown Jewels" is literally useless.

The Queen may invite the artists to her place, but will they come?



ROSIE MILLARD ARTS DIARY

I MUST confess to feeling somewhat smug as I sat in a long line of traffic one evening last week. The queue of cars was waiting along a private drive of about a mile long. At the top of the drive was Windsor Castle. With the Royal Ensign flying from its faux-battlements. I looked at the Ensign and considered that, in a very very small way, the flag was flying because of me, since the Queen was At Home for a drinks party to which I was

The Queen's first ever party for the creative mob was heralded a few months ago, in fairly traditional style. A gilt-edged invitation, post-marked Buckingham Palace had announced in flowing script that one had been invited by her Majesty's Command to an "evening for the arts". Altogether, it had a sort of nonchalance about it. As if this was the sort of event which happened all the time between the Queen and her creative subjects.

Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. The Queen is not, and has never been, noted for her interest in the arts, no matter how many institutions she is Patron of. It appears she doesn't even like to sit through a fulllength drama either. When she declared the Globe Theatre open last year an evening of "Shakespeare's Greatest Hits" was performed, rather than a whole play. Windsor Castle had never declared itself At Home to the arts establishment before. Equally, arts people have never been arch Royalists.

Perhaps, before the tumultuous events of 1997, the monarchy never needed to concern itself with the arts. But as much as last year was about Diana, so it was also about the pre-eminence and importance of modern British culture, both around the world and at home. The

Queen had clearly been advised it is time to get to know Cool Britannia, perhaps she and Tony had even discussed the

Arriving at the car park I sensed a distinct air of hysterical excitement amongst the guests. We all boarded a small Royal Coach, possibly one normally used by the Royals, which was to take us from car park to Castle. A saucy Danielle Steele novel was discovered lying on the back seat. More hysteria when the name "Andrew" was found inscribed on the fly-

We walked in under ceilings encrusted with shameless amounts of gold and were handed glasses of gin and tonic by red-jacketed flunkies. I sort of almost bumped into Michael Caine. This was going to be a good night.

Yet there were plenty in the arts world who did not respond positively to the splendid invitation. Everyone knew who the refuseniks were, for as well as the drinks, we were also each handed a ringbound booklet containing the Guest List. Interestingly - and bravely - at the back of the book was a list of Refusees. Whether those under the category of "Also Invited" had declined because of their republican beliefs or a diary clash was unclear, but the two lists made a fascinating comparison.

Eight hundred or so were invited. Those who turned up included: Beryl Bainbridge, Lord Gowrie, Kenneth Branagh, Helena Bonham-Carter, Coronation Street's Ken Barlow, Richard Stilgoe, the war artists Peter Howson and John Keane, and the conceptual artist Mark Wallinger (presumably a Royal favourite because he once bought a working racehorse and exhibited it as a Real Work Of Art).

Not a bad crowd at all, but all the same, not terribly surprising. Helena Bonham-Carter, for one, greeted Princess Margaret with kisses on both cheeks as if she bad seen her only last week for lunch.

However, there were over three hundred in the arts world wbo had turned down the invitation to bobnob with the Windsors, Among these were: Alan Bennett, the sculptor Rachel Whiteread, the painter Gary Hume, Richard E. Grant, radical architect Daniel Libeskind, Sir Richard Eyre, Sir Ian McKellen, Elton John (as if), and Gary Oldham

Was it a question of one Cool Britannia bash too many? A symptom of the recent froideur between the arts crowd and Tony Blair? Or just a coincidence that many of the people who didn't come were Artists With Attitude.

Obviously, this was not the case with every refusal. I'm sure Cliff Richard and Welsh craft specialist Geraint Jenkins, to name just two, do not believe that artists should be distant from the monarchy. I learnt that Neil Macgregor, the charming director of the National Gallery, was away in Scotland. Lenny Henry was hardly staying away on principle, given that his wife Dawn French was there in full flow, hugging everyone in sight. The Oucen's own Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes, wasn't in evidence, but then he never gives TV interviews either.

However. I feel sure some people declined because they felt they should. For likes of film-maker Mike Leigh, director Deborah Warner and Lucien Freud, attending drinkies with the Queen would probably seem like hypocrisy. These are people whose work has remained true to the classical ideal of art. Although

lauded by the establishment, their art is a baying presence outside it. They produce difficult stuff; they are not entertainers, but thorns in society's smug mediocrity.

To see them parading in smart clotbes at Windsor Castle would have been awful. It would be cynical. It would be capitulation. How much better to bump into Michael Caine at Windsor Castle, than to actually bump into Mike Leigh.

So if serious artists stayed away, why were we there? Firstly, flattery. It was jolly nice to be invited. Secondly, curiosity. To see the Windsors' circular lawn, nail-scissored to perfection, and the flunkies close up, was surreally exciting. To get within sniffing distance of inconceivable wealth. To feel, for once, part of the club.

And thirdly, because the evening provided a truly communal experience for artists, arts administrators and arts fournalists from across the country. Rather than squabbling over Arts Council grants, here we were talking to each other over sausages on sticks and mini-pizzas (such ironically hip canapés), and from time to time, gawping at the Queen. She might not be an arts buff. but she seemed to be having an amusing evening.

My most cherished moment came when I witnessed Joan Collins introduce Shirley "Goldfinger" Bassey to Trevor Nuna, the new director of the National Theatre. The Queen of Secuins meets the King of Distressed Concrete. The worry of a resultant co-production has been on my mind ever since.

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What a difference reading the whole book makes



BOYD TONKIN FIRST REVIEW

OF 'MARY BELL'



CRIES UNHEARD THE STORY OF MARY BELL SHORTLY after Hitler invaded France in 1940, a charity caring for abandoned children moved its base to the fairy-tale chateau of Villandry in the Loire. Two German officers, posted to the area, tried to show some goodwill by supplying food and medicines to the children. They were met not with a gratitude but with weeks of vehement abuse from a young volunteer nurse at the chateau - a Vienna-born teenager from a landed Hungarian family.

Gitta Sereny now thinks that the officers meant well. She recalls her fury "with shame and sorrow". The girl's rage reveals much about the woman, though. That intrepid youngster grew into the steely inquisitor who now shows no sign of regret at the feeding-frenzy triggered by her second book on Mary Bell. Having taken on the Wehrmacht, she will hardly buckle before The Sun. Yet she also arrived at second thoughts about the soldiers. She learned to look behind the uniform that defined them as wrongdoers.

In remorseless detail, Cries Unheard strips away the uniforms that Mary Bell has worn: the 11year-old "psychopath" wrongly labelled at her trial in 1968; the "frightening freak" emblazoned in headlines, then and now, the charming waif includged by a clueless penal system - and the selfserving "victim" who denied her guilt until the gruelling interviews in 1996 that underpin this book. At its close, with the actual victims' families explicitly in mind, Sereny concludes that "no evil was felt, no evil intended, only a child's ultimate despair led to

this tragedy".

Under all the overlapping disguises, Sereny reaches the "horribly confused child to whom something dreadful had at some time been done". That trauma entailed being offered by her prostitute mother as an extra service to her clients, from the age of four. Yet, crucially, the confessional terment that produced Cries Unheard also peels away the mask of Mary's denial. She not only at last admits the killing of Martin Brown and Brian Howe but, under Sereny's forensic gaze, resurrects her trancelike state: "it's an abyss ... it's beyond rage, beyond pain, it's black cotton wool".

The book as a whole rocks between past and present, known facts and new discoveries, what Mary did and what was done to her. The two strands intertwine, as chain-linked cause and consequence. She even revenis that she wished to castrate little Brian Howe: "taking away the offending organ", she puts

One has to read the entire work to grasp this finely-balanced moral symmetry. For that reason, Sereny's willingness to see it crudely extracted in The Times has proved to be a terrible error. This careful equilibrium was lost; the book seemed more simply sensational, and more of an apologia, than is the case.

The opening third revisits the Newcastle trial in the light of later interviews. Between this part and the harrowing denouement lies a long, oddly good-humoured account of Mary's experiences in prison until 1980. These years pass almost as a pastoral interlude.

Despite further sexual abuse,

she enjoyed her spell at Red Bank secure unit, thanks to the paternal affection shown by its head. But, as Sereny makes clear, James Dixon's love was not enough. His refusal to challenge her deepened Mary's denial. She took the "innocent" persona constructed there into adult jails. There she also learned how to perfect a protective shell. As a temporary "butch" at Styal prison, she controlled her many female lovers. Along with that role went an unlikely carapace of masculinity. When a staff member took her to buy lingerie at Marks & Spencer, she snorted "I don't wear knickers: I wear Y-fronts." That "offending organ" was still

chaplain, Georges Casalis. The probation officers pay glowing tributes to Mary as a caring mother; and Sereny underlines the rift between the "chaotic" personality still wrestling with ber past and the devoted provider for her daughter.

Then comes the excruciating double endgame. Mary's tearful reconstruction of the toddlers' deaths alternates with searing tales of the pitiless mother who screamed "Take the thing away from me" at ber daughter's birth in 1957. Most unbearable is the litarry of Mary's childhood cries for help, which give the book its title and purpose. One day, Betty almost drowned Mary. That evening, she beat her

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disrupting her sense of self. What brought stability was

motherhood. Mary's post-release years meant financial insecurity, as a waitress in seaside towns, but growing emotional rootedness. Here Sereny's account draws on the two probation officers who failed to tell the Home Office of this book's preparation. Along with Mary's own child, these two remarkable women helped awaken selfawareness in their client. Sereny builds on their foundation, just as - in her monumental interrogation of Albert Speer - she rested on the moral breakthrough first made with the supercilious Nazi by the Spandau

son with a dog-chain. The police came but, once again, did nothing and departed. Soon after. Mary reached her "breakingpoint", and strangled Martin

Brown. Through Sereny's lens, the Mary Bell story is a tragedy of non-intervention: of agencies, relations and neighbours too stupid, timid or busy to spot or stop the systematic assault on a little girl's identity. For me, it brought to mind the time when I tried. as a journalist, to make sense of another child-care calamity in the north-east. The Cleveland affair was, in most but not all cases, a tragedy of premature intervention with faulty diagnostic tools. day by Macmillan at £20.

The public realm did too little for children at risk in the 1960s. Sometimes, in these ultrasuspicious later years, it has done too much, too ham-fistedly. Avoiding both extremes should be the job that keeps ministers awake. Instead, they waste their time penning populist tabloid claptrap about unread books.

Yet Sereny also has a case to answer. She was born in the Vienna where Sigmund Freud still consulted in his rooms at 19 Berggasse; and in ber principles and prescriptions - improved children's services, state-funded therapy, and the rest - she forms part of that beroic generation of emigré women who sought to implant Freudian wisdom into the British public sector. She belongs, unrepentantly, to the milieu of Anna Freud, Melanie Klein, the Tavistock Clinic and its cash-strapped NHS offshoots, with their faith in "the intrinsic goodness of the child".

Sereny acts like a doctor in world of deadline-chasing hacks. The very form of Cries Unheard - its slow teasing out of secret pain - mimics the therapeutic process. Yet, as a journalist, her methods benefit from none of the formal rules that protect other professionals and their clients. This conundrum should have modified her choices, or at least her timing. The insight and courage of the teenager who dared to scold the Nazi invaders have never been in doubt. All the same, as Cries Unheard so wrenchingly affirms, we can do as much harm by poor judgement as by "evil" intentions.

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Euro passes the first market test

By Lea Paterson

CTTY traders who turned up for work yesthumbs as European financial markets gave a muted reaction to the weekend's "ECB pres-

European stock markets surged following Friday's rally in the US, hut currency markets - the key barometer for market opinion on the euro - remained steady.

Following the decision to split the presidency of the European Central Bank (ECB) hetween Wim Duisenberg of the Netherlands and a French nominee, the pound was up a pfennig or so in early trading, but fell back to DM2.967, virtually unchanged from Friday.

Avinash Persaud, global head of currency research at JP Morgan, said: "The weekend's activity has delayed the rise in the mark against sterling, hut the mark has not heen

Many of the City workers who sacrificed a day's holiday to come into the office packed up early as the turmoil in the markets predicted by some failed to materialise.

One analyst, speaking on his mobile phone at lunchtime, having left the office for the day, said: "There's not much happening. People were sat around with not much to do."

Of the London markets, only Liffe, the London financial futures exchange, was open for trading yesterday. However, analysts predicted there would be little change in the sterling-mark rate when UK trading recommences today.

Mr Persaud said: "New York is open, and the Anglo Saxon perspective will have filtered into the market by the end of the day."

Analysts said two forces were pulling the sterling-mark exchange rate in opposite directions, meaning the pound was likely to remain unchanged over the next few days. Uncertainty over the euro, heighteoed by the weekend's prevarications oo the presidency of the European Central Bank, tends to bolster sterling, seen in certain quarters as a "safe" are now their weakest for five years.

haven". However, many analysts now expect the core euro countries, led by the Bundesbank, to push through a rate rise sooner rather than later in an attempt to restore the harm terday found themselves twiddling their done to their anti-inflationary image by the weekend ECB compromise.

One trader at a German bank said: "The ECB deal has raised speculation that Germany might raise rates sooner or more aggressively, and that's boosting the mark." In early trading in the US, the mark was trading strongly, at DM1.78 to the dollar.

Not all analysts subscribed to the theory that the weekend's compromise equalled monetary tightening in Germany. Graham Bishop, EMU adviser at Salomon Smith Barney, said: "The Bundesbank will monitor domestic German developments, and we don't expect a tougher policy because of this."

Yesterday's surge in the European stock markets was largely attributed to positive sentiment following last week's rally in the US Dow Jones Index, rather than reaction to events in Brussels. "The row over the presidency is seen as a currency market story, not a stock market story," one analyst said.

The French market closed up 2.5 per cent. the German market up 2 per cent, and the FTSE Ebloc 100 -- Europe's first composite equity index for the EMU countries - finished its first day trading up 18 points at 1018.31.

Reaction in the bond markets was mixed, with sentiment initially damaged by worries over European interest rate rises, but recovering later in the day as fears of a US rate rise faded. Analysts predicted the UK markets, which re-open today after the bank holiday, would follow the pattern set yesterday by the rest of Europe, with sterling's strength likely to persist in the short to medium term.

The continued strength of sterling will be unwelcome news for UK exporters, whose difficulties were further illustrated by new figures from the Confederation of British Industry (CBI). The CBI/Pannell Kerr Forster survey reveals sharp falls in manufacturing orders received by small and medium businesses, and says that investment intentions



Action, but not as they know it: Liffe yesterday, where the expected excitement failed to materialise. Many traders left early

Key dates in the euro timetable

■3 May 1998: first-wave participants named; exchange rates set

■ 31 December 1998: changeover weekend: institutions change systems ready to start trading in the euro

■ 1 January 1 1999; exchange rates irrevocably locked; euro becomes legal currency of participating countries

■ 4 January 1999: electronic trading in the euro begins: nn physical notes and coins at this stage

■1 January 2002: euro notes and coins introduced; all retail payments to be denominated in the euro

■ 1 July 2002: local currencies

Battle to repair damage of the summit's fudge on bank chief

timetable, although the fudge on the presidency of the European Central Bank detracted from wbat should have been a triumphant occasion for participating states.

All 11 hopefuls were given the green light to be in the "first wave" of economic and monetary union (EMU), and European leaders also approved the bilateral conversion rates", or euro exchange rates,

Those rates will not be irrevocably frozen for seven months. However, the central banks of the 11 participants will be expected to use "appropriate market techniques" to ensure that market exchange rates equal the approved conversion rates.

The next seven months will be critical for the ECB's credibility. The first meeting of the council is scheduled for 2 June, which is earlier than expected.

making all sorts of anti-inflationary noises over - tender.

THE SUMMIT was a milestone in the euro the coming months, in an attempt to repair damage done to the bank's credibility over the weekend.

> Exchange rates for participating countries will be irrevocably locked on 1 January 1999. From then until 31 December 2001 - the "transition period" -- euros will be traded electronically and new issues in government debt will be euro-denominated. It will not be compulsory to trade in the euro, but wholesale financial activity -transactions between financial institutions - is expected to move quickly to the euro standard.

Euro notes and coins will be introduced for first-wave participants on 1 January 2002. Retail activity - transactions between financial institutions and the public - will also be denominated in the euro from this date. The euro notes and coins will co-exist alongside local currencies until 30 June 2002. On 1 July Analysts predict that ECB officials will be 2002, local currencies will cease to be legal

Freeze on gas power may put £5bn on bills

By Michael Harrison

THE Government has been warned that imposing a five-year freeze on any further gas-fired power stations could cost consumers £5bn in higher electricity bills, halt £3bn worth of construction projects and threaten 300,000 jobs in the gas industry

The warning comes as ministers finalise plans to extend the moratorium on gas-fired stations to help bale out the coal industry and provide it with a secure share of the electricity generating market.

The Cabinet sub-committee conducting the energy review met last week and is thought to have endorsed plans to extend the moratorium introduced just before Christmas. "No definitive decisions have been taken yet hut the moratorium is one of the big options right up there," said one Whitehall in sider. "Everyone agrees something should be done for coal."

Enron, the US power company that has built two gas-fired stations in the UK and has plans to build a further two, has been lobbying ministers hard not to extend the moratorium.

The Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee and the electricity regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild, have urged the Government to lift the moratorium. But ministers disagree. seeing it as a way of ensuring diversity of supply and preventing the electricity market from becoming over-reliant oo gas. .

Enron claims, however, that the generating market will only become more competitive and prices will only fall if more new entrants are allowed in.

It says lack of competition to the hig three fossil-fuel generators, National Power, PowerGen and Eastern, is costing coosumers £1bn a year by allowing prices to remain too high.

Ralph Hodge, the chairman of Enroo Europe, also says that imposing a moratorium on gas-fired stations would not help the coal industry for two years given the number of projects which are already being built or have approval.

He argues that a better way to provide a bigger market for coal would be to oblige the generators to make mothballed coal-fired plants available to other operators. Enough coalfired plant is mothballed to provide a market for up to 3 million tonnes of coal a year - the output of at least one large pit.

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Enron also says that 300,000 (t. people are employed directly and indirectly in the gas industry upstream and downstream and some of these jobs will be lost if the gas is discriminated against in favour of coal.

Attempts to find a longterm solution for coal that will guarantee it a market for about 25 tonnes a year - enough to supply a fifth of Britain's electricity - are being led by the Pay master General, Geoffrey Rohinson. But the President of the Board of Trade, Margaret Beckett and her Energy Minister John Battle, are thought favour a moratorium on gas of three to five years.

CINVEN, the huyout firm, has raised £1.5bn from 50 institutional investors for its second UK and European buyout fund vest in profitable husinesses that led their markets and which could grow with investment and "focused" management. £50m and possibly over £1bn, said the company. The first

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BP says No on Carbide

des Eaux, in July 1997.

tooked at, then abandoned, a proposal to merge Union Carsion. BP spokesman Ian Fowler said yesterday. "We had a proposal brought to us. We looked at it, and it's been ahandoned," he said. Carbide had "nothing BP had considered and aban-Carhide with its chemicals digan in July 1971.

STOCK MARKETS

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Mesterday in the markets

vision, spokesman Bob Berzok said in a statement. Informed of Mr Fowler's statement, Mr

Pub trio set to try again

FORMER Magic Puh trio since 1995. Cinven said this Philip Snook, Colin Stevens fund, like the first, aimed to in- and Tim Fearn have rejoined to create The Ambishus Pub Com-31 pubs. The company was Deals would be a minimum of pubs from Grosvenor Inns and Cinven fund closed in Novem- to float on AIM. The trio are ber 1996 and raised more than only minus the other master-£1hn. Among its investments mind hehind Magic Puh, was the largest European man- Michael Cannon. Magic Pub agement huyout of the decade: sold up to Greene King for the £1.1hn purchase of the £200m around 18 months ago. British and French healthcare Ambishus's plans an ambitious assets of Compagnie Generale acquisition strategy aimed at "mainly traditional community style and town centre puhs hased around London and the South-east".

Asian fallout BRITISH PETROLEUM hits Australia

hide with BP's chemicals divi- largest monthly trade deficit, to say" about press reports that A\$1.327bu in March from a doned a proposal to merge the highest since the series be-

pany, which owns an estate of formed last August to buy 15 16 pubs and five development sites from Regent Inns. It is set

AUSTRALIA reported its which one economist described as a "wake-up call" about the likely effects of Asia's crisis. The balance on goods and services hallooned to a deficit of A\$462m deficit in February -

Pensions suffer Budget deficit

By Andrew Verity

MORE than a quarter of pension schemes have been left with less than the legal minimum of assets they need because of Gordon Brown's July Budget, actuaries have warned.

Leading actuaries Bacon & Woodrow said the July Budget had caused changes to dividend payonts which put 26 per cent of company pension schemes in danger of busting a key legal safeguard. The safeguard, known as

at the seams," according to Bacon & Woodrow. The requirement is designed to protect members from a repeat of the Maxwell affair. It sets a minimum level of funding needed to meet liabilities to members. It depends crucially on the

dividends which schemes can expect to receive. If the dividends slow down or fall, liabilities rise, forcing companies to pour in millions of pounds to top up their pension schemes. If the worst warnings are cor-

rect, a quarter of all pension standard has been fudged." the minimum funding require schemes will be underfunded,

ment (MFR), is "falling apart obliging finance directors to pour extra money in. Penny Webster, a pensions

expert at Bacon & Woodrow, said: "Companies weren't expecting anything quite this nasty to happen. If we are in a position where a quarter of schemes are below [the MFR] that is pretty serious.

"What is really had about this is that a company can be quite prudent and want to protect members' interests. But they still potentially have to put in lots of money because the

The Institute of Actuaries

said changes in companies' dividend policies - caused by the July Budget - have driven down the returns pension schemes can expect. That has driven up pension liabilities by more than 50 per cent, quadrupling the number who may fall outside the law.

Harvie Brown, the leading expert on pensions at the Institute & Faculty of Actuaries, said: "Companies used to use dividends to reward their shareholders. But now dividends are taxed they are finding other ways to reward their shareholders - such as huy-backs. Dividend yields have gone fund returns.

Industry sources said the problem has been aggravated by squahbles hetween Govern-

will have to increase."

ment departments. Since the axing of dividend tax credits, the Treasury has insisted that pension funds will be unaffected. Ministers at the Department of Social Security are being

down and the contributions

pressured to change the way the legal minimum is worked out to reflect lower dividends. But this would force the Government into an admission that the Budget had an impact on pension

Increasing numbers opt to retire early

By Diane Coyle **Economics Editor**

MORE and more people are taking early retirement, despite the combined effects of the tight jobs market and ageing population, according to a new report. About four out of five employees retiring from hig companies did so before reaching the official retirement age.

Early retirement has been widely used as a relatively painless way of shedding labour for more than a decade. But

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mounting pensions hurden as a survey covering 1996/97, found they reach the age of 54. These the average age of the popula- that more than 70 per cent of tion rises means the new report*, from Incomes Data Services they started to draw their pen-(IDS), will cause some concern.

Only last week the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) published a report calling on governments to encourage "active ageing" - including discouraging early retirement. Its experts are concerned the tax retire early than women, the system in many countries makes stopping work below normal retirement age too attractive.

The IDS report, in its latest increased awareness of a

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employees were under 60 when sinn, and more than 80 per cent were under the "normal retirement age" for their scheme. Most were in their 50s.

In the previous year's survey, two-thirds of employees retired before they reached 60. Men are far more likely to

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survey found. In many cases female employees were twice as likely to stay on until they reached 60. In some companies "Pensions' Bulletin", based on a majority of staff retire before availability of ill-health retire-

OTHER INDICATORS

include Alliance and Leicester, Imperial Tobacco and Royal Bank of Scotland, even though all have pension schemes with a normal retirement age of 60. The fact that 3,000 more teachers retired early con-

tributed to an increase in the total compared with the previous year's survey. This figure could fall back in the current year because favourable terms for stopping work on ill-health grounds came to an end last September. Other public sector schemes

are now considering limiting the

IDS points out that many firms have favoured early retirement rather than redundancy because they have been able to use pension fund surpluses to finance the programmes. This has hidden the real financial cost.

ment on cost-cutting grounds.

"However, there has been another cost - the loss of experience," the report concludes. Many of the companies that have gone through early retirement programmes now have few employees over the age of 50.

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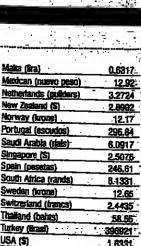
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THE UNSEEMLY summit row over the appointment of the new president of the European Ceotral Bank was most unfortunate, but it will soon be forgotten. The fact is that the euro has now been lauoched, and the question of the date of DAVIES Britain's eventual membership is becoming increasingly real. ON WHY Barely a week goes by without a rumour THE MARKETS SHOULD

swirling in the financial markets that the UK government is about to spring a huge surprise and announce an early date for membership. This jumpiness is, of course, partly the result of last autuma's spate of conflicting and misleading ocwspaper headlines which led to unnecessary volatility in financial markets. There is coostant fear of another "random" surprise.

In fact, this appears improbable. In recent weeks, the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, has become increasingly insistent about two things. The first is that the UK is now committed in principle to eventual membership of the single currency. The second, however, that this is oot a realistic option for the present Parliament.

According to the forthcoming book on Gordon Brown's first year at the Treasury by Hugh Pym and Nick Kochan, this is precisely the formulation which the pro-EMU Chancellor suggested to the less pro-EMU Prime Minister last autumn. The idea of ruling out Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) membership in the current Parliament was seen as a pro-European manoeuvre, since it would enable the Government to organise a fully-prepared push for membership immediately after the next election. According to Philip Stephens of the Financial Times, the Chancellor now favours an early election in 2001, followed by a quick referendum a few months later. Since it is the pro-EMU camp within

the Government that is arguing against membership in the current Parliameot, financial market paranoia about sudden surprises is not well-founded.

Whatever view is taken about the desirability of EMU in the long term, two factors rule it out as a realistic option for at least four years.

First, sterling is oow severely over-valued against the euro, as last week's appalling export data in the CBI Survey demonstrate all too clearly. (Incideotally, these results constitute the kind of genuinely new information which was needed to change the balance between mosetary hawks and doves at the Bank of England Eveo a staunch supporter of the hawk's case such as myself would now admit that a pause for reflection is required.)

Second, and equally obviously, the stark divergence between the economic cycle in Britain and the rest of the European Union currently makes a one-size-fits-all European monetary policy entirely unsuitable for the UK's oceds.

Not everyone accepts this. For example, in the middle of 1997, there were some elements in the Labour Party pressing the Prime Minister to use his political honeymoon to win an immediate EMU referendum. However, with the valuation of sterling and the state of the economic cycle in effect making first-round EMU membership impossible, it would have been absurd to have taken the political risk of a referendum several years in advance of possible membership.

Once that crucial decision had been taken, it became clear that the first possible date for a refereodum would be 2000, by which time the early effects of the launch of the curo could be observed. But such a referendum could come in the midst of

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mid-term unpopularity for the Government and could therefore prove hard to win. This led to the inexorable conclusion that membership would probably be imprac-

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tical during the current Parliament. It is much easier to see that this remains the case at present than it is to plot a clear path to EMU membership after the end of the current Parliament. The Chancellor has laid out five separate economic tests for membership but, in fact, only two considerations seem likely to prove compelling. The first is British politics, and the second is the cyclical convergence between the UK and European economies.

On the political front, there would

seem every reason for Tony Blair to like his current position on EMU, and relatively little pressure oo him to change it. The Government's commitment in principle to join the euro seems to be enough, for the time being to keep Labour's pro-European camp happy. Meanwhile, William Hague's opposition to membership for the next two Parliaments is leading to an increasingly open split between the Conservative leadership and British business, with consequent severe funding problems for the Tories.

All this is, of course, music to Mr Blair's ears, and there seems little reason for him to lance the Conservatives' boil by holding a premature referendum campaign. Why not instead watch Mr Hague wriggle as the pro-European camp inside the Tory Party seeks to change his 10-year commitment to stay outside EMU?

This argument will apply at least up until the next election, but what about the election itself? Might it be sensible to wrap the EMU question into the general election campaign, either by making it an overriding election issue or by holding a referendum oo the same day? Almost certainly not -it would be far too risky to hang the life of the Government on such an uncertain issue. Therefore, it seems likely that the question will not be put to the British people until after Mr Blair wins a second turn.

But even at that point, a refereodum will only be held if it appears overwhelmingly probable that the Government would win. With British business conducting a lengthy campaign in favour, this might be the case, but there are other factors weighing against. The European economic cycle might be turning down at around that time, causing the first bout of real political turbulence within the euro area. In addition, a great deal of political flak may be generated when the euro finally replaces national currencies in the shops, and in people's bank accounts, in 2002.

Memories of the political unpopularity of UK decimalisation of the coinage in the early 1970s suggest that 2002 may not be a propitious date to ask the British people for their opinion on the euro. If so, theo another lengthy delay would become probable, since a referendum in 2003 or thereabouts may once again coincide with mid-term political blues. It is quite possible that this would lead to a further postponemeot of the issue beyond eveo the following general election.

The economic cycle also poses great problems. It is not sufficient for UK interest rates briefly to coincide with European rates, since this could be simply a 'crossover point" followed by further declines in UK rates and increases in European rates. What is needed is a more permaneot convergence, which seems likely to be maintained more or less indefinitely. There is oo guarantee that such a high degree of synchronisation will take place at any time in the oext five years. or even 10. Finally, at some point the Bank of Eogland will have to be told to "shadow" the euro (instead of inflatioo) for a two-year period to stabilise exchange rates ahead of joining. This does not seem likely to start ahead of the election.

All io all, the Government may currently intend to join somewhere in the 2001-2002 window, but this is very far indeed from a fait accompli.

Biggest isn't best, warns the Sage of Omaha

WARREN Buffett, America's Bank, and the \$28.2bn combisecood-richest mao and arguably the world's most successful investor, is sceptical about the recent wave of mega mergers between hanks and brokers, even though be owns shares in one of the groups affected.

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"I think when you get all through with this, you'll find that some of them are real hits and some of them are misses," said Berkshire Hathaway's chairman and chief executive. away is valued at \$33.1bu, bas

Mr Buffett, 67, is famously sileot oo his investmeet muentions, apart from the annual meetings of his company in Omaha, Nebraska. His commeots ahead of yesterday's meeting came amid a wave of huge deals in receot months, including the \$72bn (£43bn) merger of Travelers Group and Citicorp, the \$62.5bn marriage of BankAmerica and Nations- though be said Travelers'

nation of Banc Ooe and First Chicago/NBD, among others. Mr Buffett, second only to

Microsoft's Bill Gates in the US wealth stakes, spoke to reporters before the annual meeting, which drew 10,500 people to his hometown in the Mid-West. He gave the interview in Borsheim's, an Omaha jewellery retailer wbolly owned by Berkshire. Mr Buffett's 40 per ceot stake in Berkshire Hath-"They're very big and those areo't easy to do."

oo Friday's closing price of \$69,300 a share.

Commenting on the banking mega mergers, he said some of the deals will be unsuccessful. even if they make strategic sense. "There's always execution risk, even for a good idea," he said. Berkshire Hathaway owns 23.7 million, or about 2 per ceot, of the Travelers shares outstanding.

Mr Buffett wouldn't give his views on specific mergers,

consult with him before agreeing to the Citicorp merger.

Mr Buffett also aired his thoughts on the silver market. He said that the fundamentals

> You need high. returns on equity to justify present prices ... I have been surprised'

company revealed in February that it had hought about a fifth

> He declined to say whether Mr Buffett said he did loan a and whole businesses at a price

chairman, Sanford Weill, didn't but he didn't say how moch, when or to whom,

Berkshire Hathaway did sell some of its holdings in McDonald's, the global fastfood chain, last year as part of stocks it held and increase its bond investments.

Mr Buffett didn't say how many McDonald's shares Berkshire Hathaway sold, and said he said be still expects the shares to rise. "We think it's an [though] the fast-food business might be a little tougher than I first thought," Mr Buffett said.

or five things," he said. His had not changed since his shareholder letter indicates Berkshire sold shares of Walt Disney, Federal Home Loan of the world's known supply of Mortgage and Wells Fargo.

Mr Buffett is famous for being a "value" investor who the company has sold any silver. seeks to purchase stocks, boods "small" amount of the metal, that is below their intrinsic worth.

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His investment in silver was based on the view that demand over the longer term would be greater than the available supply, he said.

We thought that the figures its efforts to lower the ratio of oo productioo and demand were such that it would require a higher price to establish equilibrium," he said. Mr Buffett reiterated his

view that the American stock market was not overvalued given the level of long-term ordinary" returns oo equity produced by US companies.

"We cut back oo about four they have been the last few years, which have been extraordinary by past standards, and interest rates are here, you can certain- a time when Mr Buffett has ly make a case that the market complained consistently that is not overvalued, although I he can't find cheap stocks or think you would have a hard businesses to buy that meet his

is an assumption where the coupon Treasury bonds.

burden of proof would be in the other direction. I don't think it's the way to bet.

"You need these high returns oo equity to justify present prices. Charlie Munger, over a 10 or 15-year period,

Berkshire Hathaway shares have risen by 51 per cent this York Stock Exchange Composite Index, which has risen 15 per "If returns on equity stay as cent. Berkshire also owns businesses outright, including motor insurer Geico and Dexter Shoes.

time saying it was undervalued. standards. Instead, he's turned "Neither one of those is a to "unconventional commitgiven. On returns on equity, that meots" like silver and zero-

When asked whether international stocks are more attractive because of the high valuations on US stocks, he replied: "We've always looked internationally. We haveo't

Berkshire's vice chairman and I have been surprised by the fact that they have been achieved. Whether they can be sustained there's real questions on that."

away from our natural Berkshire's surge comes at hunting ground'

do. We've done that over the years; not every one of those moves has been apparent to people. "It's rare that we find some-

hunting ground, but it isn't because we doo't look beyond our natural hunting ground. We still try to look at things we think we can understand. found a lot, but anything that we Geography doesn't define what think we can understand and we can understand. The nature where we think we can get a lot of the husiness is much more for our mooey, we're willing to likely to define it." Mr Buffett was also asked

about his decision to invest in De Beers Ceotenary, the South 'lt's rare that we African company that is the ducer. Mr Buffett said: "I probably got my first annual report from De Beers in 1952 or 1953. So I've got 40-some years of their reports and we haveo't bought any, but we went 30 years betweeo silver purchases too.

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"A lot of the time it's obviously been a worry about the political situation. The hold that De Beers has oo the diamond market is probably less secure now than it was 30 years ago."

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Why market makers have lived to deal another day

THE WEEK ... AHEAD



tronic trading -were regarded as an endangered species.

trading (Sets) would, it was felt, stocks it covers. leave them scavenging for the one leading stockbroker is oow launching their own market- screeo-based trading system. making operations and a veoture capitalist is planning a stock market is not in the summertime début. Others are range of the order book and, thought to be planning a share unless there are widespread imwholesaling presence.

The simple fact that order driven trading has not been an outstanding success is only partly responsible for the suddeo popularity of market-making.

rogue trades which have distorted prices to such an extent that eveo closing Footsie calculations bave clearly been incan be manipulated has created operation.

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ONLY a few years ago jobbers considerable caution and, after or market-makers as they are more than six mooths exisknown in these days of elec- tence, the order book is corporate scene, is the ambithought to account for less than 40 per ceot of the trades The arrival of order-driven in the Footsie and supporting

Market-makers, operating discarded trading crumbs. Yet off the order book, have been reaping ricb rewards. They bidding to become a significant have been able to trade withmarket-maker; three smaller out the transparency they were firms are in various stages of subjected to under the old,

But, of course, much of the provements, it is unlikely to be.

Panmure Gordoo is the firm pushing for a much bigger market-making presence. It has recruited 14 market-Sets has suffered from ering around 85 per ceot of the main market. The oew vecture, it is felt,

provides an extra service for they could find themselves clients and makes PG a much lumbered with stock they could accurate. The feeling that Sets more rounded investment out unload.

made a strong impact oo the spreads, a deterrent not only for tious venture capitalist. Like the investors whose love of small three stockbrokers, Durlacher, companies is a big, but unap-Raphael Zorn Hemsley and Williams de Broe, it is not the market to function. planning an assault on the big players. The neglected small company sector is the target.

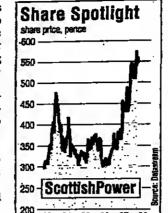
Although shares on the market's under card have staged a significant improvement in the past few mooths they did, for a long while, limp a loog way behind Footsie stocks, producing a two-tier market of bigh-performing blue chips and down-in-thedumps also-rans.

One of the reasons advanced for this sad state of affairs was the difficulty ofteo makers from UBS and is cov- experieoced in dealing in the shares of small companies. The lack of liquidity was said to frighten off institutions, worried

The sbortage of liquidity

Apax Partners, which has also produced wide dealing institutions but for many private preciated, influence in allowing

It is likely that the arrival of. more market-makers on the small company pitch will narrow the value gap which has developed.



Durlacher points out, a trade in 10,000 shares in an out-ofprice, upsetting the company and often the investor.

Apax regards marketmaking as a "natural extension" of its corporate finance activities; Durlacher intends to operate in media and technology stocks, its specialist areas, although house shares

may also feature. . . . RZH is another looking at an area its knows best-general insurances such as the Lloyd's insurance companies which bave arrived in recent years.

Williams is spreading its net to cover around 120 small companies. It enjoys a strong small companies preseoce through its corporate side and research. Malcolm Graham-Wood of Williams believes the move should belp the companies involved and the firm's investment clients.

only market-maker prepared to J Sainsbury is expected to the-way company can have a trades in 1,500 -- is unruffled by dramatic influence oo a share the increased competition. Said Winterflood's Ian Throssell: touched a few years ago. "Competitioo is never a bad thing; if the oewcomers stimulate interest in small compa-

> nies, then great." This week's profits programme includes a clutch of to oil; from geoerators to superstores.

The oil slick comes from British Petroleum and Shell, each offering first-quarter results. The continuing crude will offer the market much

encouragement. brewing cootribution, although still ourse international ambibeer now represents only 10 per . tions and there are hopes it will cent of profits as the group bas increased its retailing muscle with its restaurant expansion.

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Scottish Power kicks off the utilities reporting season and profits of around £640m against £558.4m are thought likely. Still, it is its overseas ambitions which are expected to blue chips, ranging from beer create more interest than its sharp profits advance.

The group last mooth pulled out of talks to buy a US electricity group. If it had gone ahead it would have enjoyed the distinction of being the first price weakness will take its toll of the privatised offities to buy and it is unlikely the two giants ao Americao power group, thus reversing what seems to have become a monotonous Whitbread provides the one-way journey. It is known to

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Boardman aims for fresh start

Cycling

By Robin Nicholl

CHRIS BOARDMAN lines up for today's Tour of Rovictory after sufferiog illness and poor form for much of the **ж**уеаг.

Last year he was second in the six-day Swiss race, but it was to be a disappointing season for a rider who, in six years, has been a world and Olympic champion, worn the yellow leader, and set world records.

"I was scarred by poor resuits and wheo I got ill early io right the seasoo I ignored it somewhat and pushed on with the trials at either end of the race training," said Boardmao. "That was a mistake."

Deciding that he had overtrained, Boardman reviewed his preparation for races, reensulting in a change of his methods: "We cut out the hard two-to-three-hour rides. Those were the ones that did the damage," he said.

of Lancashire to remain un-

beaten after eight Premier Cal-

endar races, writes Robin

scribed his team as "faultless"

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Longridge Fell near Preston

ly that no ooe could have a go

at us," said Clay, who first won

the Lancashire tour six years

ago and has now contributed

four of his team's major suc-

"We have ridden so strong-

yesterday.

The Yorkshireman, 34, de-

felled by a bout of influenza: the world time trial champi-"It hit hard aod for a lot down for weeks, and only now am 1 feeling good and consis-tent," he said. "My coodition mandie in Basle eager to taste is the best it has been all season. I just need a chance to prove it in races. The Tour of Romandie has two time trials,

To win a tour of Romaodie's class is a remaining ambition for Boardman, who will be 30 in August: "A stage jersey of a Tour de France race of that quality is within my capabilities. It is a big challeoge, but if everything is

so it should he a good race for

Last year he woo the time secood time in the Tour de France's curtain-raising time trial in Rouen. The Tour is the brnke his progress.

oatural pinoacle of his year. "It is not the initial objective to go for the overall classification, so that takes the pressure off me," he said.

Brite continue 'faultless' run

JON CLAY and his Brite team cesses this year. They have alteam-mates will be flown by continue to ride high in British ready won a place in Britain's helicopter to start their next

cycling. They swept to victory new international stage race. Premier Calendar race, the

"Obviously, we will become

company. We just don't have

the preparation and therefore

the same ability as the

Europeans," Clay said. "We

certainly want to steal

something from that race,

though. A stage win would be

amhitions for next weekeod's

programme. Clay will defend

his British 10-mile time-trial

title in Cambridgeshire on

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in the Travelwise four-day tour the Prutour, which starts in

onship in San Sebastian to longer than I wanted. It left me complete a set of gold, silver, and bronze medals in the dis-

"That medal was good, but I have a score to settle," he said. "I want lo win the title again, but it is important that all the major players are there this year when it happens, if it happens."

Boardman has come hack from worse than his recent run of misfortuce. After a threeyear spell that saw him take Olympic gold in the 4,000 metres pursuit oo the Barcelona track in 1992, break the world hour record in 1993. take the world pursuit and the road time trial titles and and went on to triumph for a wear the coveted Tour de France yellow jersey on his debut io 1994, the 1995 Tour

He crashed within minutes of starting his second Tour, fracturing a wrist and an ankle. Yet the next year Boardman recaptured the world hour Boardman coded his record and the world pursuit In February Boardman was "poor" year with third place in crown at the Manchester track.

Lincoln Grand Prix, only hours

to Gary Adamson, riding for

the Tour sponsor's own team.

He outsprinted the pack at the

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TRAVELWISE TOUR OF LANCASHIRE, fifth and final stage (87.5 miles): 1 Q. Adamon (Travelvine), 3hr 33min 42acc; 2 S. Hughes (CC Glos): 3 L Winn (POM Sport): 4 M. McKey (Herroch); 5 M. Bingworth (Brite): 6 Q. Ferrell (Nasan); at asme time as wirner, Final overlaid positions: 1 J. Clay (Brite): 100-101 (190-101); at 100-101 (190-101); at 100-101 (190-101); at 100-101; at 100-101;

Victory in yesterday's final

Leslie claims second win of the season

Motor racing

By Nick Phillips

DAVID LESLIE became the first driver this seasoo to win a second Auto Trader RAC British Touring Car Championship race, when he brought his Nissan Primera home first in round six at Donington Park.

Despite that, it is not Leslie or any of the other five drivers to win this year who leads the points standings - but Hooda's admirably consistent James Thompson. The series is shaping up to be the most open for years.

The other winner in front of the Bank Holiday crowd was the 1995 champion, John Cleland, who took his first victory since his championship season in the shorter Sprint race (round five), showing that Vanxhall is right back in the fight. He rammed home the point with a strong run to third place in the looger Feature race.

Leslie's win was a comfortable one, the Nissan driver only

surrendering the lead in the period when the drivers made their compulsory pit-stops. He was chased early oo by Cleland, but a slow pit stop put the Vauxhall driver down to fourth behind the defending champion, Alain Menu, and Honda's James

Thompson. Cleland fought back past Thompsoo, who held on to fourth, despite a late challenge from Jason Plato in the Renault. Plato's drive from the back of the grid (following a technical infringement in qualifying) was

a highlight of the race. Cleland's Spriot win was founded on a brilliant start from third place on the grid which put him straight into the lead. A group of drivers snapped at his heels, led by Thompson's Honda aod Rickard Rydell's Volvo.

Plate was fourth for much of the distance, hul wheo Leslie tried to pass in the closing stages the pair collided and oeither finished, Meau eventually taking fourth place in his Renault.

Knowles follows Catton out

Basketball

By Richard Taylor

THE command structure of the English Basketball Association continued to disintegrate yesterday with the resignation of its chairman, Peter Knowles, following last month's departure of the chief executive, Steve Catton, Knowles played a key role in

Manchester's successful hid for the 2002 Commonwealth Games and the association cited his growing responsibility in this area as "the key factor in his resignation." Knowles, a former referee, also played a key role in mediating in the public The Tour of Lancashire field tackles Longridge Fell yesterday Photograph: Barry Greenwood

bust-up between Catton and the England senior meo's coach, Laszlo Nemeth, who criticised the England programme just days before a European Championship game against Israel.

Knowles, although publicly diplomatic, despaired of Nemeth's criticism, which came in the week the association learned a £1.8m Lottery bid had failed. Knowles said at the time: "None of this can have helped."

Nemeth was suspended, but reinstated after Catton resigned. Nemeth leads England into a frieodly international tournament against Finland. Sweden and the Netherlands in Manchester this weekend.



Today we publish the updated results of The Independent Fantasy Football League. Due to the holiday period fully updated results will appear on Sunday 10th May.

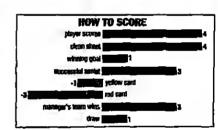
The league table includes all scores up to APRIL 27th. The player list includes scores from all games played until April 27th. Neither set of scores includes results from the FA Cup. The pair, of tickets to the World Cup finals in France starting a game will be awarded one point

Every time one of your players score you get four points. There are four points for a keeper or a defender every time their team keeps a clean sheet. If a player scores the winning goal, i.e.: if there is a one goal difference in the scoreline, the player scoring the final goal for the winning team is awarded 1 boous point awarded in addition to standard goal related points. Each successful Assist, a pase judged by our experts to lead directly to a goal, will give a player 3 points. The opinion of overall winner at the end of the season will win a our experts on the matter is final. Each player selected and

If a player is given a Yellow Card they lose 1 point, if a player is given a Red Card they lose 3 points. Own goals, ei-

ther scored or conceded, do not count. The Premiership Manager that you choose will be awarded 3 points if their real-life team wins, 1 point is awarded if they draw and no points are given if they lose.

Updated player scores and league tables will be published every Tuesday in The Independent and repeated the following Sunday in the Independent on Sunday.



Independent Fantasy Football

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By Mike Carey at Derby

Yorkshire 271-7 Derbyshire 235-9 Yorkshire win by 36 runs

THIS YEAR marks the 100th anniversary of Yorkshire's prestigious year book and there are hopes that the county will laod a trophy, just as they did wheo the first noe appeared. Thrugh it is early days yet, they lead the Championship and yesterday they brushed aside a feeble challenge by Derbyshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Darreo Lehmano's wellpaced, uobeateo ceotury held them comfartably together and could only have reminded Derbyshire of how much their own batting has suffered since the injury to their overseas player, Michael Slater, oo the first morning of the season.

But it was their bowlers whn failed them here, failing to make the most of a helpful toss. Though the ball moved around

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16 wides are unacceptable at any level of cricket.

Their problems did not end there. There is evidence to suggest that like many a new captain, Dnminic Cork is perhaps trying a shade too hard. Certainly, he appears to grasp that in English cooditions specialist opening batsmen are still a better bet than so-called dashers.

This is particularly true where bowlers of the quality of Darren Gough and Chris Silverwood are concerned. Cork and his stand-in npening partoer Ian Blackwell had their work cut out to survive sgainst their accuracy and the innings cever got off the ground.

By contrast, Yorkshire were hardly under pressure, although admittedly they would have been 31 for 2 if David Byas had ont survived a straightforward catch to midwicket off Phil De-Freitas; but after that Lehmann kept things ticking over so well with ones and twos that his first 50 included nnly one boundary.

His left-handedness proba-

under lowering skies, it was too bly did not help Derbyshire's efseldom in the right place. And forts to locate a consistent line. At 32 a thin-edge off Paul Aldred may have flicked the edge of the wicketkeeper's glove, but otherwise he gave no discernible chance even when he stepped up a gear.

It was largely due to him that Yorkshire made 81 from the last 10 overs. Near the end, in completing his second 50 from only 29 balls, he reached three figures by lifting Cork over lnng-off fnr six. foterestingly, the howler was quick to congratulate him both then and at the eod of the inniogs, so the Derbyshire captain is certainly making progress in some important aspects of the

 Mark Taylor intends staying no as Australia's Test captain, according to reports in Sydney. The 33-year-old opening batsman spoke of the possibility of standing down following last mooth's tour to India. However, he is expected to go to Melbourne today and tell the Australian Cricket Board that he wants to remain captain.

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Robinson wreaks more havoc to shatter Ireland

By David Llewellyn at Chelmsford

Essex 399-7: Ireland 188-7 Essex win by 171 runs

IF YOU are expected to fill a legend's boots, then you may as well use a high-pressure hose rather than a dripping tap.

Darren Robinson has been saddled with the opener's role for Essex following the retirement of Graham Gooch, no easy task, but the 25-year-old is such establishments, is now, by 112 balls. Having restricted making a go of it. In fact, this season he has become some-

thing of a one-day wonder. bowling of the Irish attack long on before falling to a catch Sussex attack twice in recent hundred each time, Robinson was at it again yesterday, feastfectual, Ireland attack to score attack. Indeed, there was a lanhis third successive one-day guid feel to the whole of the Escentury and leave himself with an average of 380.

Robinson, ooce dubbed "Pieshop" because nf a predilection for the wares in all accounts, a vegetarian, but himself to 12 fours in that, he clearly the nppositinn-friendly indulged himself with a six over

had a certain appeal for the bulk amount of damage by then, with matches to score an unbeaten of the Essex batsmen. They an opening partnership of 86 were never put under any pressure, either, by the field placings ing nff a persevering, but inef- or the accuracy or venom of the sex innings. Robinson's effort was

chanceless and, as unhurried as he appeared, he still reached three figures nff a respectable

with Stuart Law and a stand of 133 in 22 overs with the acting captain, Nasser Hussain (71). whn smashed two balls out of the ground and into the river.

There followed a bloody noslaught which produced 97 runs in nine overs. Ronnie Irani biffed and banged his way to a 29-ball half century - by the time he was nut for 69 he had thumped three sixes and half a dozen fours nff 45 balls.

One Irishman to emerge Having gorged himself oo the appealed to him. Mind you, it in the covers. He had done a fair with credit was the opening bowler Ryan Eagleson, who had a return of one for 36 off. his 10 overs, no small feat giveo the havoc being wreaked all around him.

The Essex total, the third highest in the competition's 50-over format and the fifth highest in Cup history, proved way beyond Ireland's range. Neil Johnson (53) and Ed Joyce (42) did their bit, but it was token resistance. The Essex bowling was mean cuisine by

Lewis takes exhausted Somerset bowling apart

Gloucestershire 234-7 Somerset 208

Goucestershire win by 26 runs

JON LEWIS continued his fine start to the season, smashing 33 runs off just 13 balls, including two sixes, as Gloucesfershire But the captain, Peter Bowler, beat Somerset in the Benson and Hedges Cup at Bristol.

Gloucestershire had been asked mainly by Lewis and Matt Winto bat first, the paceman boosted his team to 234 for 7 off their 50 overs. He then chipped in cus Trescothick, Keith Parsons The visitors were ocver in

Somerset crashed to 110 for seven befnre rallying to 208 all out.

Somerset must have felt pleased with their bowling effort up to the 46th over, when Gioncestershire were 183 for 6 had mistakenly bowled out his main attack and saw the last Coming in at Nn 9 after four overs despatched for 51, dows (24).

and Mike Burns all came in for the hunt after Bowler played

man-of-the-match award as punishment, and the final total was 30 more than Gloucestershire might have expected. Tony Wright top-scored with

a patient 44 and there were important contributions from Bobby Dawson and Rob Cunliffe, who both made 31. : The Somerset coach, Der-

mot Reeve, bowled a tidy 10-over spell of one for 29, but the Pakistan leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, making his seasonal The medium-pacers Mar- debut, went for 50 nff his 10.

on to Mike Smith, who pro-

Mike Barns fell in quick suc- der Trescothick

the leg side by Jack Russell after he had made eight.

Graham Rose and Rob

duced the best bowling of the fore Rose swung wildly at Mark day to take two for 17 frnm 10 Alleyne and had his stumps shattered for 31.

Bowler's departure left. That provided the break-Somerset 28 for one and they through as Somerset slipped to were soon 56 for 4 as Piran Hol- 110 for seven, before rallying loway, Richard Harden and through Reeve and the left-han-

Their eighth-wicket stand Harden looked less than of 61 in nine overs produced a happy with his dismissal, ad- glimmer of hope, but the rejudged caught behind down quired run-rate had risen above nine an over wheo Reeve was bowled swinging across the line at Lewis.

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G M Hamilton not out

Extras (bd., wf6, nb 0)

Votal (for 7, 50 overs)

Fail: 1-14, 2-75, 6-39, 4-52, 5-97, 6-229, 7-230. Did not bet: C E W Silverwood, P N Hachson. Bowling: DeFreitins 10-0-44-0; Cort. 10-0-42-2; Dean 10-0-62-3; Aldred 10-0-53-2; Clarice 10-0-

extres (lb6, w10, nb6). Rotal (for 9, 50 overs)

Bonting: Swerwood 10-0-59-3; Gough 10-1-42-0; White 10-0-29-4; Hutchison 8-1-15-0; Hemilton 8-0-57-1; Lehmenn 3-0-11-0; Vaughen 3-0-9-1 Umpires: R Julien and A G T Whitehead Essex v Ireland

Full: 1-19, 2-29, 3-56, 4-58, 5-116, 6-167, 7-167, 8-167, 9-199,

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M W Alloyne c Parsons b Caddick
M G N Windows c Parsons b Burns
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Fatt: 1-19, 2-05, 3-52, 4-125, 5-153, 6-17, 7-213 Did not bet: A M Smith, C A Welsh. Bowling: Caddick 10-0-33-1; Rose 10-1-35-1; Tinscollide 7-0-40-1; Reses 10-1-29-1; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-1-50-1; Paraona 2-0-20-0; Burns 1-

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total (46 overal) Felt: 1-28, 2-36, 3-64, 4-66, 5-98, 6-193, 7-193, 6-173, 7-193, 7 Bowling: Whith 9-2-39-1; Smith 10-4-17-2; Lewis 90-49-2; Cauciron 6-0-27-1; Alleyne 10-0-42-2; Hancock 4-0-28-2

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Habib b Glies Did not but: T.J. Mason, A.O. Mulisily. Bowling: Glidsins 10-0-54-0; klunion 10-0-48-0; Brown 8-0-34-0; Glies 10-1-65-3; Smith 73-0-35-3; Welch 4-0-21-0.

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Fall: 1-12, 2-80, 3-84, 4-137, 5-173, 6-218, 7-221, B-221, 9-236 Bowling: Bowen 8-0-35-1; Crem 84-1-40-1; Strang 10-1-49-4; Wherf 10-0-49-2; Gellan 9-0-48-1; Downson 2-0-7-0. Umplices: V A.Holder and K E Palmer. Surrey v British Universities THE OVAL: Surrey bt British Universities by 105 runs.

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Bowling: Bicknet 8-0-30-1; B C Hollicele 83-3-23-3; Septim Mushtor 7-2-16-1; Butcher 3-0-18-0; Selfebury 10-2-88-2; A J Hollicele 7-1-21-2 Umphres: J W Holder and P Willey

Worcestershire v Scotland

Fall: 1-0, 2-57, 3-58, 4-73, 5-81, 6-67, 7-131, 8-131, 9-140.

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G R Haynes c Davies b Asim Butt
O A Leatherdale not out
Extras (bc, wit)
Total (for 4, 27.3 overs)

Did not bet: 15 J Fhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Ringworth, P J Newport, A Sheriyar. Bowling: Aeim Butt 63-1-20-2; Brinkley 8-1-32-1; Wight 2-0-22-0; Thomson 4-0-25-0; Dyer 6-0-40-1 Umpires: G / Burgess and J H Harris

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aton.
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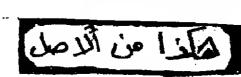
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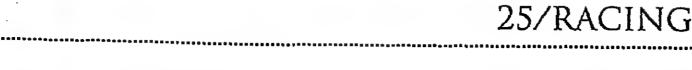
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3.50: 1. BEYOND OUR REACH (J R Kularagh) 11-4; 2. Crane H8 11-4; 3. Northern Sackler 7-4 fes 5 ran, 19, 9 (H-Mogos); Folia: £3.90; £1.70; £1.90 DF: £8.40; CSF: £10.46;
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By Greg Wood

IT WAS oot difficult immediately after the Craven Stakes at Craven, but the form of that Newmarket last month to spot those who had backed Gulland for the Derby before the race. The air of smugness surrounding them, not to mention the ket, in the Classie Trial at heat from the 25-1 tickets burning holes in their pockets, could of Xaar to win the Guineas, be felt 20 yards away, such was the promise of Gulland's narseasonal debut was that of a row defeat by the horse everyone reckoned was a certainty for horse cannot rely on others to

Three weeks later, the confident grins are less apparent and the holiday plans are on hold. True, Gulland is still

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the 2,000 Guineas, Xaar.

Just four opponents line up 2.10: QUEENSLAND STAR, who looked a useful performer in the making when battling on well to

score on ber debut at the Newmarket Craven meeting, can go in again. Stable mate Lashkari Gold may pose the most problems. 2.40: QUINTUS, who ran a sound race when a length third to Nautical Star and Noble Demand in a competitive 1m 2f handicap at the

Chester

2.10 Queensland Star

3.10 GULLAND (nap)

HYPERION'S TV TIPS

3.10: CULLAND, who ran the subsequent 2,000 Guineas fourth, Naar, to a neck in the Craven Stakes over a mile at Newmarket on his reappearance, should really come into his own over this distance and will be very hard to beat. Seignorial won well on his debut but he, like The Glow-Worm, has much more on his plate here.

his more significant rivals is a fel-Chapple-Hyam also saddling

Gulland has to make Derby case

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Almond Rock (Chester 3.40) NB: Golden Silca (Chester 2.10)

Derby winner, it seems that the two runners, the race is something of the private sweepstake.

Tactics may play their part too with such a small field, and the first point to make is that it tend to the competitive handiis hardly a race to treat as a se- caps - one of them a Showcase rious betting medium. Gulland

3.49: GROOM'S GORDON, who should be fitter for his seventh to Therbea over a mile at Sandown on his seasonal debut, is fairly treated. The selection is unproven at this distance but has every chance of lasting home around this tight circuit. The danger may be Almond Rock, who looks well handicapped on his hest form. Smaltach seems best on all-weather surfaces while Flint Kaspper and Party Romance are expected to be fitter for the race. Abajany, Break The Rules and 1

3.10 CHESTER VASE (Grp 3) (CLASS £55,000 3YO 1m 4f 66yds Penalty Value £32,550 V

25- 853MT MEMGE (US) (R Surgister Holland) Potaphi-Ham 8 10 ... I Reid 2 107
25- 853MT MEMGE (US) (R Surgister Holland) Potaphi-Ham 8 10 ... I Reid 2 107
25- 25- 25 MILLAND (15) (Make Record) G Wings 8 10 ... III Hills 1 118
3 00-72 REDGEMAY (17) (Make Record) G Wings 8 10 ... Pear Eddary 3 50;
4 1 SEISMOREAL (USA) (12) (D) (D Surcher) P Chapple-Ham 8 10 ... D Harrhout 5 58
4 3631-1 This GLOW-WORM (12) (D) (May M Cortect) B Hills 8 10 ... Pet Eddary 4 93
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-8 STITNG: 4-7 Guilland, 4-1 Distant Mings, 5-1 The Glow-Worm, 10-1 Ridgeway, 25-1 Seignated
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This can surely be considered a three-horse race with Ridgeway and Selignovial secand strings to GULLAND and Distant Minage, Gulland was made swounts for the Deby after finishing second to Xear in the Creens Steles and, although Xear had to settle
for fourth in the Guinces, that was still a cracking run considering Guilland will come into
his own over middle distances. Distant Minage was tried in the Group 1 Criterium de SeintCould on his final two-year-old start and it will be a surprise if he decent's go close here.
From three entries, Berry Hills relies on The Glow-Worm, who made a pleasing comeback when holding off Adrikes at Epsom. This is far tougher and the Glow-Worm needs
to be before then ever to trouble Quisand at level weights, but this send comerciants. The
Fry turned out to be group class after winning a nursary and the Glow-Worm is heading
in the right direction.

3.40 WALKER SMITH & WAY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 1m 2l 75yds Penelty Value £10,606

among the favourites for Ep- against Gulland, and it is of lit- has every right to start as fav- Instead, the programme opens turns to maiden company after tie help to punters that one of ourite, not least since all the with a juvenile event, which some good runs in handicaps. siens are that the eight furlones Golden Silca (2.10) should win low resident of Geoff Wragg's of the Craven Stakes was very stable, Ridgeway. With Peter much a minimum trip, and significant improvement can be anticipated over today's Derby trip of a mile and a half. A muddling pace or an adverse reaction to Chester's unique topography could easily be coongh to beat him, though, and careful postrace study of the result is the

only investment worth making. The same is true, in fact, of much of today's televised card, since coverage does not exrace - which close proceedings.

from his prime draw, and a clues of its own.

These are of the oblique va-

Out Yonder both attempt to for Epsom after his success at tle shorter this evening if either of those two wins today, but it

Chester - 4.10

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The only handicap for Channel 4 viewers is a slightly submaideo which holds Derby standard event given the usual quality of this meeting. Most of those to have run this season ricty, since Hawadeth and Way have not shown any form worth relying on, so it may be that open their account following FLINT KNAPPER (nap 3.40). good runs behind Greek Dance a lightly raced handicapper who at Newmarket last month, finished his 1997 campaign with Greek Dance is a 14-1 chance an impressive victory, can continue where he left off. Demo-Headquarters, and will be a lit- lition Jo (next best 4.10) is also worth a modest interest.

of those two wins today, but it may be that he, like Guiland, will have to prove himself personally, since Quintus (2.40) resonably, since Quintus (2.40) resonably since Quintus (2.40) r

Chester - 4.40

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Broken leg for Thornton

has had the best season of his career including winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Cool Dawn, ended the campaign on a low note yesterday when he broke his left leg just above the ankle in a fall at Fontwell.

The accident came wheo Winspit, who like Cool Dawn was trained by Robert Alner, crashed at the seventh fence in the handicap chase won by Sounds Like Fun. The gelding was badly injured in the tumble and had to be destroyed.

It was also a bad day for Richard Dunwoody, who was concussed and stood down for 48 hours after being unseated from Bay Lough in the chase, won by Thornton and Alner with Gillan Cove.

Tony McCoy started his 24th hirthday with six fancied rides. but had to wait until the last two events to celebrate with victories on Sounds Like Fun and Latchford.

At Newcastle, Jason Weaver was on the receiving end of a by the end of the season five-day ban from the stewards. Weaver's mount Piped as an outstanding miler. But only Aboard, who had finished sec-eight lengths covered the first 10 and to Celestial Welcome, was

Futures market

ANDREW THORNTON, who adjudged to have interfered with the winner four and a half furlongs from home.

Weaver's suspension, for irresponsible riding, will run from 13 to 17 May and will rule the rider out of the final two days of York's May meeting and the

Lockinge Stakes at Newbury. At Doncaster, the apprentice Dean Mernagh incurred a oneday ban (13 May) for careless riding aboard Chinaberry, unplaced in the claiming stakes.

The British Horseracing Board's Flat handicapper, Dominic Gardiner-Hill, yesterday issued his ratings for the 2,000 Guineas performers and gave only a quite modest mark of 122 to King Of Kings.

"All I can do is reflect the performance on the day," Gardiner-Hill said. "My gut feeling is that when the International Classifications come round in December, with a whole season behind us, he may well be higher. Mark Of Esteem was rated 124 on his Guineas victory but achieved 133 which stamped him

horses home oo Saturday."

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Newmarket Craven meeting can gain compensation today in what looks a much weaker affair. Howadeth is the main danger.

3.40 Groom's Gordon 4.10 Bodfarl Pride (nb) 4.40 Cumbrian Cadet

GOING: Good. STALLS; in 2f - stands side; rest - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best.

QLeft-hand, tight, circuter course. Not suitable for long-stricing horses.

QCourse is in city centre on A548. Chester General station in: ADMISSION: County Enclosure 252 (Liniors 5-16yrs 25); Enterpaits Est. Doe Sand 25; Counse 23 CAR PARK. 22.

QLEADING TRAINERS: M Stoute 15-64 (23.4%), J Berry 13-107 (121%), A Balley 13-125 (10.4%), B Hills 12-64 (18.6%), a McMishon 10-64 (18.5%), R Hannon 9-53 (17%), QLEADING JOCKEYS: K Devley 16-77 (20.8%), K Palleon 12-103 (17%), W R Swinburn 10-35 (28.8%), Part Eddary 10-64 (18.5%), Paul Eddary 9-48 (18.8%), M Hitta 9-69 (17%), BLINKERIED FIRST TrasE: Abultifood (2.40), LONG DISTANCE RUNNIER: Frist Tuck (4.40) has been sent 238 miles.

2.10 JOSEPH HELER LILY AGNES STAKES (CLASS B) £12,000 2YO 5f Penalty Value £7,422

There were only five runners when QUEENSLAND STAR and Golden Sales won as Newmentst and Newbury, and only seven when Chaimpegne Rider accred at Kempton, so they may not have achieved much in winning their maders at those big southern tracks, just as likely to figure are Penugino Bay and Oh i Say, who have won at Thesk and Not tengham. The fact that Jack Berry took Queensland Star to Newmentand suggests has one of his better early two-year-abis and he is a half-bother to the 1932 Nell Gwyn witner, A-To-Z. At Newbury, Golden Sales bear Angeen Flame (third) by 3 wider mangh then Chempagne Rider did at Kempton and Penugino Bay did at Doncastec. She also has bit going for her in that she's the only witner without a penalty and is drown much to the real

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2.40 WILLIAM HARE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) E12,000 3YO 1m 2f 75yds Penalty Value £8,367

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from those available before the

race has taken two heavy blows

to the body. First there was the

dismal performance of Circus,

who finished third at Newmar-

Sandown, and theo the failure

If the form of Gulland's

prove the point. Instead, he

must do so himself in today's

Chester Vase, in which nothing

but a clear-cut win will do.

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2	12340-	FRIAR TLICK (1985 (Cree Lodge Record Citis) Mex L Perrett 9 8
3	1225-0	HACH CAPPLY (See 63 (J. M. G. Promotions Lie) N Theter 6 11 D Harrison 8
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5	12-1	EASTER OGE, (12) (3) (G M Smert) Butting 6 (D
8	47ED-D	HERITSWOOD (19) (CD) pas DF Cock) R Herron & 10
7	5024-4	EMPEROR MANEEN (19) (New Editor Meeters) B Meeters 8 2
8	34040-	EASTERN LYRIC (216) (0) (R Mandall) J Barry 51
8	20215	CLEMENTAL CADET (22) (D) (Outbrief Included Lad) T Besterby 7 13 L. Chermock 1
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13	54314-	FRES MARY (2011) (C): Lich's Brown & Magain Dermit J Berry 7 11
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10	2-7220	PHANTOM RING (55) (Nay Balley) A Balley 7 10
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Rop Coos (Mrs. J Romerten/Ost/7b)	11-2	7-1	7-1
Tampole (Mrs M Paveley/Bat1190)	7-1	7-1	8-1
Dutant (M Harnmod/Bet1 b)	8-1	8-1	9-1
Dato Ster (J M Jefferson/9et2fb)	9-1	10-1	10-1
Forgie (P Calver/Bst6fb)	10-1	10-1	12-1
vors Platter (D Eleverth/Bet12ks)	12-1	10-1	10-
High Intrigue (H Ceci/SutSits)	14-1	12-1	12-1
Mowered (J Durlop(9st9b)	12-1	12-1	14-1
Oneformerien (J. L. Eyro/7x110b)	10-1	14-1	14-1
Sience in Court (A Beloy(9st)	10-1	12-1	14-
Dovrigion Star (A Kaliman/Bal2b)	16-1	12-1	14-
Mithelt (Mrs. J. Flemeden/Bul77b)	20-1	14-1	18-
Cloud Inspector (M. Johnston/941)	16-1	16-1	20-
Cyrlan (P Cole/Bull/lo)	20-1	16-1	16-1
LawRicos (T Tele(Bat?h)	25-1	16-1	16-
Merit (P Cole/Assetb)	25-1	18-1	20-

Horse (Seiner)	Const	m 4f lûye Willem Hill	Laditurokes	Total
Cape Verdi (Sased hin Surcor)	2-1	2-1	7-4	15-8
Midnight Line (# Conit)	6-1	5-1	4-1	8-1
Cloud Castle (C British)	. 10-1	10-1	12-1	10-1
Bathr (Sneed hin Suronn)	12-1	16-1	14-1	12-1
Giorosia (L. Current)	10-1	16-1	12-1	12-1
Shabboush (A.P. C'Brisn/ri)	14-1	16-1	12-1	12-1
Into De France (A Fabre)	25-1	25-1	25-1	20-1
Abayann (J Gender)	38-1	-50-1	25-1	

Derby Stakes (1m 4f 10yds)						
House (Bullet)	Coral	William Hill	Ladinolom	Tota		
Gulland (G Wings)	5-1	6-1	5-1	5-1		
Border Arrow (Baiding)	10-1	5-1	10-1	B-1		
Hencel (J Dunlop)	12-1	10-1	10-1	10-1		
Xing (A Fabre/Fr)	12-1	14-1	_	12-1		
Greek Denne (M Skrute)	14-1	14-1	124	16-1		
City Honores (Sased bin Suron)	18-1	16-1	12-1	20-1		
Finalwood (H Cocil)	20-1	75-1	14-1	19-1		
Capil (H Cecil)	25-1	20-1	16-1	20-1		
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11-2; 3. C-Henry S-1. 15 ran. /s. 2. M. W. Easterby). Tose: E300; E150, E210, E220. DF.
E1250. CSF: E107; Thro: E25.00.
3.10: 1. PERSIANO (A Clark) 7-1; 2. Selgo 8-1; 3. Moon Gorge 7-1; 4. Theisolatus 91. 19 ran. 9-2 faw Wandering Wolf. 1/s. /s. (J.
Englandist Inolation 100-20; 2. London 1/s. /s. (J.
E100. DF. E100. CSF: E5622. Titeset: E30088.
7/io: E5820. NR: Next Round.
3.48: 1. ALYRIVA (D. Holland) 8-11 fav.; 2.
Splandist Inolation 100-20; 2. London Spring
9-1. 11 ran. /s. /s. (J. O. Loden). Take: E106. E130.
E130. DF. E260. CSF: E291. Trio: E600.
4.20: 1. CAPTAINS LOG (M. Ferroro) 3-1;
2. Still Waters 9-2; 3. Incopie 13-2. 10 ran.
11-4 faw Goldman 1/s. 1/s. (M. Bell). Total: E400.
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E150.1. DANCING LAWYER (N. Caller) 81; 2. Simisted -1; 3. Carl Grot 9-1 fax. (J. Ouser)
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E55: 1. PAY HOMAGE (Lawyer Meathron)
E-1; 2. Altanetic Mint 18-2; 3. Charles Coloure
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2-1.7 ran. /s. 1/s. (L. Carlis). New E100.

tav; 2. Jonas Nightengele 9-1; 3. Asinbox 12-1.7 res. 1/s, 8. (R.Curtis), Tota: \$160; £130, £2.50. DF: £4.70. CSF: £8.22. After stawards

inquiry, piecings unaltered. Piecepot: £35.00. Quadpot: £ Piece 8: £60.55, Piece 5: £23:

Brighton

HYPERION 2.20 Nice Spice 2.50 Sharbadarid 3.20 Myttons Mistake 3.50 Soda Pop 4.20 Contrary Mary 4.50 Sylvan Dancer

MARY 4.50 Sylvan Lancer

GOING: Good STALLS: Im 2f & Im 4f - outside; rest - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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GCourse is E of fown. Follow signposts from rows. Brighton station in (lest service from London, Victoria). ADMISSION: Cub 512 (accompanied under 56 free); Tattersalls 58 (secompanied under 58 fee); Tattersalls 58 (secompanied under 58 fee); Portic Park 59 per cer (plus 56 per occupant). Care Park 67 fee; EADMIS TRABIESTS: R Hammon 30-186 (foll %), 61 L Moore 27-197 (14%), B Dow 18-198 (12.5%), M Chammon 6-170 (14.5%).

GLEADING JOCKEYS: Dane C Neil 24-193 (19%), 5 Sanders 19-128 (14.5%), M Roberts 19-77 (20.5%), S Whitworth 14-102 (15.7%).

GRAVOURITES: 208-936 (35.5%).
BushCereD FIRST TIME: King Foley (2.20), Gibbon Boy (Neore), 250, Markadaria Neored, 320, Flying Permant (Neored, 321, Period (2.20), Polear School (350), Occar Flore S.50, Montray U. (4.5%).

2.20 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 25,000

8 KING FOLEY (40) W GM Turner 9 0 D IN MALCHEK PHOWING 9 D POKETT G L MOOTS 9 8 STOCK CITY Y Soars 8 0 WHO'S MILETINAM IN CREATION 9 8 WILD TRIBES E Wilceler 9 0 LAMENT J Berks 8 9 LA TOWERNET TA B Machina 9 NICE SPICE R Harpon 9 9 VOLCANEC STAR (15) M Belf 6 9 70 declared 70 declared 7 D McGellin (7) & S

- 10 declared -BETTMC: 5-1 King Foloy, 7-2 Who's Miletrian, 4-1 Nice Spice, 11-2 Vol-casio Star, 7-1 La Reversatia, 16-1 Polleit, 14-1 Lament, 20-1 others

3.20 NORTHERN RACING HANDICAP

3.50 ST. MODWEN HANDICAP (CLASS E)

4.20	NEWCASTLE CLAIM!! (CLASS F) £3,500 added	NG STAKES
1 20-004	ZURYAF (13) B Mostan 8 13	M Tebbook & 2
2 05-353	ZURYAF (13) B Moothen 8 13	5 Senders &
3 0	AUDEEN (253) N Callegran 66	G Berduell 4
4 06-445	BERMUDA TRIANGLE (NO) M Heynou & &	M Cornelly (7) 9
	CONTRARY MARY (21) 8 Woods 68	
В	HIGH CATCH J Barle 8 8	
7 234603	PEARLY QUEEN (6) G BESCY B 5	OR NicCabe 2
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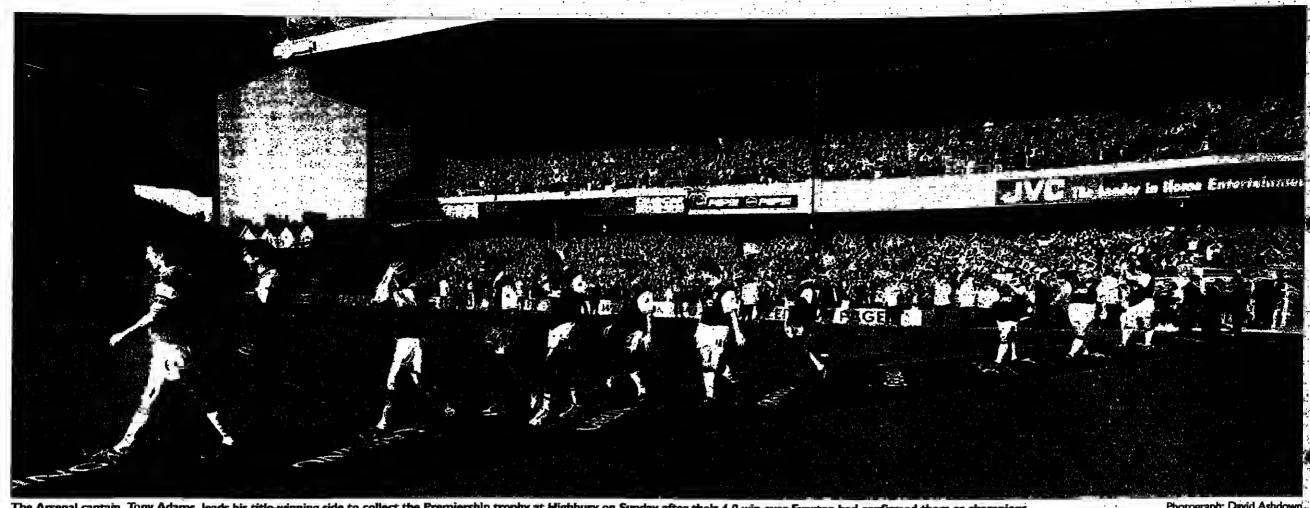
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The title is history: As the Gunners celebrate their triumph, Arsène Wenger is thinking only of the future. Glenn Moore reports



The Arsenal captain, Tony Adams, leads his title-winning side to collect the Premiership trophy at Highbury on Sunday after their 4-0 win over Everton had confirmed them as champions

known until the other do-favoured nation. Thanks to the

mestic leagues finish and the previous good form of Eng-

over the last five years' Eu- United will be in the knock-out

which are usually formulated of the likes of Norway, Bel-

straight into the 24-team July is where the champions

group stage and the other is of the Faroes Islands, Moldo-

Photograph: David Ashdown

Arsenal focus on European horizon

the champions of a less em Ireland the Republic of Ire-

as he strolled around Highbury on Sunday afternoon but behind the smile it was business as usual.

As he took in the delight from North Bank to Clock End he was thinking: "They are so like that?" He said yesterday: "It had in my hrain as I was walking around the field. That is why this is a crazy job, you always forget to enjoy the present. Cup and, consequently, the You are always planning for the

Then it is to decide his own future. He has one year left oo his a few less ooted names, are cootract and has spoken, in booking their place in the anthe past, of leaving a foundation nual mooey-maker. Arsenal

face may have been a valedictory note about his uncommonly joyous comments, a sense of ticking another achievement off his list.

"I have an agreement to talk to the directors after the Cup final. We will sort out my future then. I have won other things hut this success has the higgest meaning for me as it is happy. How can I keep them the higgest football country I have worked in. I am proud to was one of the first questions I have won something here. It was always my dream to work in Yet even if he wins the FA

Double, he still has something to aim for at Highhury, some-In football, as in husiness (if thing he has not achieved anythere is still a difference), to where. The man who brought stand still is to be overtakeo. the ideas of the Continent to Ar-Wenger's first task is to steer Ar- senal oow leads Arsenal into senal to success in the FA Cup. Europe's Champions' League.

Already the big players, and

ARSENE Weoger's on Even in triumph there was most certainly, Juventus, in the to join Manchester United, found, his team will oeed competitions, the Champions' the unexpected German champions, Kaiserslauten, probably

Lens and possibly Real Madrid. If Real fail to beat Juventus in this season's final on 20 May

Champions' Leegue will not be

European finals are conclud-

ed. Uefa then draw up a rank-

ing order based on results

ropean competition and

to ensure the biggest televi-

sion markets can enter two

teams in the competition.

One of these is seeded

group stages along with Porto. Bayern Munich, Bobby Rob- strengthening if they are to League takes a lot of energy." son's PSV Eindhoven, Graeme Souness' Benfica, probably Internazionale, and others in the qualifying round.

It is an impressive array and Wenger reluctantly accepts that, huying others. But yoo do need race for second place in Spain as Manchester United have a hig squad to do well in both

lish clubs, and the pockets of

ITV, this means Arsenal will be

seeded while Manchester

stage against the champions

gium, Austria and the 16 qual-

ifiers from the first qualifying

That round, to be played in

maintain a challenge at home and ahroad.

"I am happy with the players I have and am more interested in keeping them than

land and either Celtic or

Rangers come in.

PROBABLE LINE-UP

Wenger said he believed Ian

Wright would stay at the club and also expects more from his young players. "They will improve through the high level of competition," he said. "Nicholas Anelka, for example,

Olympiakos, Rosenborg.

Halmstad, Galatasaray, Sturm

Graz, the champions of Den-

mark (probably Brondby), plus

three from the Spanish run-.

ners-up (possibly Real Madrid).

Spartak Moscow, Rotor Vol-

gograd and Sparta Prague.

Pre-qualifying round:

or Rangers), Wales (Barry),

Northern Ireland (Cliftonville)

and the Republic of Ireland (St.

Arsenal's opponents in the Champions' League next season The exact line-up for the given a qualifying tie against va Azerbaijan, Wales North Lens or Metz. Bruges,

> Seeded straight into Champions' League: Juventus, Barcelona, Arsenal, Kaiserslauten, Ajax, Porto, Lens or Metz, plus Real Madrid (if they win this year's final) or Spar-Champions of all other countries including Scotland (Celtic tak Moscow.

Seeded into final qualifying round: PSV Endhoven, Benfica, Bayern Munich, Manchester United, Internazionale,

great player." Arsenal have mooey hut

buying players will not be easy. The side is very well balanced and anyone good enough to strengthen it may disrupt both the pattern and the wage structure - which tends to affect team

> Wenger believes the defence can continue to defy the years but he is sure to look for more young players, like Matthew Upson, who can be slowly introduced into the side. More cover is required elsewhere but do not expect him to sign the unknown who becomes a star in France this summer.

spirit, so vital a component in

their success.

"The World Cup is the worst place to buy players, the comoctition is so different. I prefer to see players at their clubs," he said. Several are already under consideration.

Although Arsenal won the

is quick to learn. He will be a under George Graham in 1994 and were runners up the following year, they do not have a good record in the stronger Champions' and Uefa Cups.

The '89 champions did not eoter due to the post-Heysel ban hut the '91 vintage went out in the second round, comprehensively outplayed at home by Benfica.

. Having gone ont of last year's Uefa Cup in the first round, beaten home and away by Borussia Mönchengladbach, they surprisingly fell at the same stage this season against PAOK Salonika.

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The decisive factor in both these ties may have been the absence of Bergkamp from the away legs.

The Player of the Year is still to overcome his fear of flying and Arsenal's progress may depend on the draw. Ajax, Bruges, and Leus? No problem. Spartak Moscow, Olympiakos and

Another trophy for the Gunners

By Adam Szreter at the New Den

Arsenal Croydon

ARSENAL'S perfect Bank Holiday weekend was completed when a goal by the England international Kelley Few in the third minute of injury time gave them a 3-2 victory over Croydon in the CSI FA. Women's Cup final yesterday.

Croydon opened the scoring yesterday, slightly against the run of play after 10 minutes, when Kirsty Pealling brought down the marauding Julie Fletcher in the penalty area and the former Arsenal striker, Jn Broadhurst, scored from the spot.

Seven minutes later, Arsenal were level. Julie Darby was dispossessed by Rachel Yankey whose cross fell invitingly for Marieanne Spacey to attempt a spectacular volley, but she completely miscued. The hall looped up agonisingly beyond Louise Cooper in the Croydon

goal and in off the far post. Arsenal stepped up a gear at the start of the second half and were rewarded with another bizarre goal in the 52nd minute. Yankey, put through by Vicki Slee, seemed second favourite in the race for the ball as Cooper came off her line hut the

the simplest of tap-ins. Three minutes later, though, Cooper's opposite oumber, Sarah Reed, hammered a clearance straight at her own defender Carol Harwood and Hope Powell was on hand to steal an equaliser.

Thereafter, Croydon looked the more likely winners, but with time running out Spacey's 25 vard free-kick was parried on to the bar by Cooper and there was Few to hundle the ball over the



Black humour prevails in City's latest demotion

Patrick's).

a former Manchester City player delved into Maine Road's thick anthology of black humour as he reflected on their relegatioo to the third grade of Eng-

Ruefully he recalled a joke from when City lurched be-Croydoo keeper missed her tween the old First and Second kick and Yankey was left with Divisions in the 1980s. Peter Swales, then the chairman, has a black-out and is taken to the Northern Hospital. "Where are we?" he asks on coming round. "The Northern," replies the nurse. "Bloody hell," says Swales, "what happened to the Third and Fourth and Vauxhall Conference?"

Neither Swales, who has since died, nor the fans who called so vociferously for his head could have imagined that City would soon be a division below Crewe, Bury and Stockport. Or that derby day would see them stepping out at Mac-clesfield or Wigan rather than Old Trafford.

> This, after all, is a club who, vithin the past three decades, have won the League championship, FA Cup and League Cup, as well as the European Cup-Winners' Cup. A Mancunian institution so deeply entrenched in the penple's affections that when they clinched promotion from the old Second Division in 1985, the gates were shut with 48,000 in-

Locating exactly how and

IN THE media suite at Stoke's when the decline started is al-Britannia Stadium oo Sunday, most as difficult as establishing where it will all end. Some argue that the rot set in a quarter of a century ago, when the Reds went down and the Blues wasted the chance to become the city's top team.

The weakness of such logic is that it defines City, whose appeal is traditional and parochial, purely in relation to the nationally and globally popular United. While the fact that City last won a tropby in 1976 appears to pinpoint the beginning of their slide, the theory overlooks the extent to which the club later reasserted their place among the élite.

In both 1991 and '92, City finished a respectable fifth in the top flight. A year later, when United ended 26 years of hurt by winning the inaugural Pre-



thinking behind a Mancunian institution's unprecedented fall

mier League, City came ninth which Francis Lee exploited. He (one place above Arsenal). Yet finally became chairman at the it was within that period of relative success that the seeds of Sunday's sorrows were probahly sown.

The first major blow was the defection of Howard Kendall, a manager then at the peak of his powers, hack to Everton in 1990. The second was Swales' panic decisioo to sack Peter Reid, who had huilt promisingly on Kendall's legacy, after City gained only one point from three matches at the start of

Reid's exit unleashed frus-

Phil Shaw looks at the muddled

with Franny Campaign" now looks like a bitterly ironic title. If things were bad then - City lay 20th in the Premier League though they still had players like Quinn, Curle, Lomas, McMahon and Coton - Lee's reign makes Swales' 20 years resemhle a goldeo age. A member of City's championship class of '68, he oever had the financial

start of 1994, but the "Forward

Lee's judgement was often poor. His appointment of his trations among supporters friend Alan Ball, a manager

muscle needed to keep pace

with United et al.

who promptly lived up to his managers have tried to huild a reputation for taking teams team. With a staggering 54 prodown, was bad enough. But one fessionals on the books - many tragi-comic episode was invariably superseded by another; although Frank Clark initially made progress last season after becoming City's fifth manager in four months, he spent badly.

Lee's resignation in February, could not keep them up despite a 5-2 win at Stoke. He has already hinted at a summer of upheaval. "There will be some soul-searching and hig decisions made... about the staff. future planning and the players who'll be here next season - and those who won't."

Sadly, the latter category includes the Ajax-bound Georgi Kinkladze, around whose mercurial talents a succession of

League: Yesterday, as the Maine Joe Royle, brought in before Road 30,000 faced op to the reality that City will be joining the local non-League hopefuls in the first round of the FA Cup, not to mention playing in the Auto Windscreens Shield, Lee's. successor David Bernstein offered them a "clear and uoequivocal apology.

on fat Premiership wages - the

Georgian is the least of Royle's

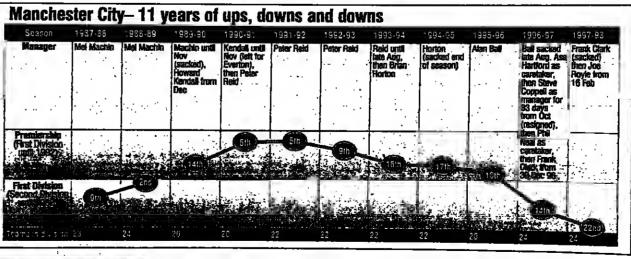
problems. One high earner,

Nigel Clough, has spent the en-

tire season in the Pontins

In a message to supporters, he said: "For the best part of two decades you have had to out up with a total lack of success, culminating in two relegations in three years. Failure over such a period is inexcusable and can not be explained by had luck or chance, particularly by a club with our support and resources. The club have coostantly reacted to events and have not beeo helped hy frequent changes in personnel."

City now had a "hands-or high-quality hoard", determined to reverse the culture of calamity. "We ask for your continued support," Bernstein concluded, no doubt with an eye on . seasoo-ticket sales. Yet with a 🗘 manager bent on a clear-out and 8 chairman promising stability. things may get worse before they get better.



Today's fixtures

Football

7.30 UPPES SALING PREMIÈRSHIP Crystal Palace v West Ham (7.45). RYMAN LEAGUE Guardian insurance Cup final; Orderd City v Sutton Utd pat Harrow Bar-

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Haliter Town FC). First Division: Covertry Grimaby (70). Second Division: Barnsley York (7:15). League Cup final: Shaffaid Ut v Rotherham (7:0). NCE COMEINATION First D vision: Arsenel v Watlord (20) (at i Charlton v Tottenhern; Southampto

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United restore their self-respect

Football

By Derick Allson

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THE wake turned into a statement of defiance and rehirth. Manchester United resuming life as former champions with a victory that will help soothe their very public grief.

Leads United, ostensibly se sing affirmation of their Uefa Cap qualification, probably provided the perfect opposition in the eircumstances. The historical hostility between the teams and their supporters tossed in just the required dash of spice.

Leeds were three down before Gunnar Halle was dismissed in the 61st minute for a second bookable offence and were fortunate not to concede as many again as they succumbed to United's late exhibition.

The inquests have long since established complacency as the for Ryan Giggs in convert with cause of United's demise in the Premiership these past months, although they were not alone in assuming no team was capable of mustering a genuine challenge to their championship status.

The restructuring was effectively underway last evening, evidence of their intent presented to n disillusioned gallery on the pitch and off it. Self-respect lifted United's players out of any trough of self-pity and their performance was sufficient to low shot between Martyn's leftsuppress George Graham's mysteriously uninspired ensemble.

Jaap Stam, the Dutch central defender due to sign for Unitfrom PSV Eindhoven, watched from the stand, along with his wife and a couple of ageots as command by half-time. Stam, who is fulfilling a life-time's ambition by coming to Old Trafford, unashamedly soaked up the atmosphere and attentioo like a starry-eyed schoolboy. "Wheo you watch games here on televisioo it gives oo impression of how fantastic it is," he said, "It is much more intense than I realised."

He was less taken by Leeds. "United were good, but you have to say this was not a good Lecds team." Leeds' reliance on Stam's

compatriot, Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, palpably limited their attacking uptions. Much of Leeds' threat to yet another Dutchman, Raymond van der Gouw, playing in the United goal so that Peter Schmeichel may take an overdue rest, was from distance, only Hasselbaink's late shot causing real discomfort.

United's early play still lacked the fluency that once seemed second nature yet was incisive enough to give them the ascendancy. A demonstration of that cutting edge produced a seventh-minute lead.

Gary Neville's determination won a 50-50 tackle on the right, he sprinted to the line and chipped back the perfect cross a glancing header.

Then Teddy Sheringham was beaten to Irwin's centre by the climbing Ian Harte and referee Willard awarded a penalty. Nigel Martyn chose to dive to his right, Irwin placed the ball to his left, and the contest was effectively over in 31 minutes.

In the 58th minute, David May and Martin Hiden competed in the air, the ball fell to David Beckham, who drilled a hand and the near post.

Ferguson seized the opportunity to give Brian McClair perhans a final fling in the ed today in a £10.5m transfer Premiership and Wes Brown, a central defender, a first sample of the big league. The youngster was welcomed to the fold in United took a two-goal lead and time-honoured fashion by Halle, who was duly sent oo his way. Who was duly sent oo his way.

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Panarah fint Walking. Jackson.



Crash landing: Nicky Butt (left) takes a tumble as he collides with Leeds' Martin Hiden yesterday

Sacchi for Atletico spells sack for Antic

tional team coach, Arrigo Sacchi, will replace Raddy Antic as oo a sahbatical since resigning the coach of Atletico Madrid next season, it was announced

The Spanish cluh's president, Jesus Gil, said Saechl would take over, although some points of the contract still have to be resolved. Saachi, who St-Germain. The former French coached the great Milan side of international midfielder will

last season after a second spell tract with PSG. at Milan, Antic led Atletico to a Spanish league and cup douhle in 1995-96 but since then has

been unable to find success. Alain Giresse was yesterday named as the new coach of Paris

1994 World Cup final, has been from next season. Giresse is expected to sign a three-year con-

> Juninho is fit enough to be included in Brazil's World Cup squad, the national team doctor said in a newspaper interview yesterday.

The former Middlesbrough player made his comeback for Cecchi Gori.

THE FORMER Italian na- the late 80s and took Italy to the replace the Brazilian, Ricardo, Atletico Madrid on Sunday after a three-month absence with

a broken leg.

The Argentine captain, The Brazilian midfielder Gabriel Batistuta, may have played his last home game for Fiorentina after revealing he is ready to leave the Italian Serie A club. Batistuta has had a difficult relationship with the Fiorentina president, Vittorio

"It's nice to win a title, even

was the slowest week of day I've

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS' (Eindhoven, Helth): Marris singles, firsh: V Sarriscock (Beld) bt 2 (Princips): (Cod) 21-14 21-19 21-10 Women's singles, final; N X Lisn (Luc) bt T Sores (Croe) 21-14 21-17 17-21 21-16.

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Saracens disrupt old order with new money

THIS is the season when the rugby world has been turned upside down. I do not refer to the dispute between the Rugby Football Union and the English clubs, with the international board under Vernon Pugh, (an old pupil of my school, incidentally) now taking a hand. I am talking rather about the way professionalism has transformed ALAN the traditional pecking order WATKINS

It has principally been an English phenomenon. But there have been signs of the new era in Wales as well. Only Cardiff and Swansea have RUGBY managed to maintain their old predominance.

Llanelli are shadows of the once great team they used to be. Neath have always been an up-and-down sort of side. but these days they are more down than up. The main reason is that they have difficulty in hanging on to their hest players - a factor in operation

have now been overtaken by Ebbw Vale, I ask you, Ebbw at Twickenham oo Saturday Vale! They used to have a reg- and are still possible winners ular fixture with Esher, who definitely have not prospered cause they have succeeded in under the new regime. Currently they are fourth in the Jewson National League Two

Denis MacShane, writes reg-- or at least to mention achievement these days. Rotherham RFC. This I now do. They are fourth in the Aland may well overtake Lonplace.

ently and Nigel Wray had not appeared on the scene, Saracens might have found themselves helow Rotherham, below Esher, on a par with reposed, chiefly because of some stirring performances in the Middlesex Sevens - but outside even the Second Division South.

been a popular side. Everyone wished them well, chiefly nevertheless attracted some O'Connor, the rugby writer. and Iain Macleod, the late Conservative minister. Their ground was sur-

you got the hang of it, on account of the great speed of than to assist. the Piccadilly Line to Southgate. It belonged to the local authority and was so muddy that it would not have been refusing to allow the club to tolerated even in the wettest corner of south-west Wales. Had it been in that part of the pavilion is preserved) is ideworld, you would have seen young boys and old men passing huckets of sand along a human chain until the pitch port their rugby teams, who was partly playable - though to make the old Saracens playing area, to say nothing see a similar municipal pride of other facilities, even half- over here. There is, I fear, litway decent would have re- tle chance.



quired major public works. The move to Vicarage Road, Watford, with the cluh sharing the ground with Watat Stradey Park as well as The ford FC, has been a great success, not just because Both Llanelli and Neath Saracens are in the Pilkington Cup final for the first time of the double, but also be-

attracting oew supporters. It is not so much that they wear the fez which Ataturk prohibited in his new Other clubs have done Turkish state, it is rather that better. The Rotherham MP, they turn out in force. To get a gate of nearly 20,000 for a ularly urging me either to vis- club match, as Saracens did it his local constituency - for their recent encounter which I hope to do one day with Newcastle, is an

Wasps are also in the final, their fourth appearance, the lied Dunhar Premier Two, three previous ones all unsuccessful. The club which doo Scottish, only a point holds the record for runnerahead of them, to take third up, by the way, is Leicester, with five. But the Tigers posing won the cup five times, too, being second only to Batu's 10 victories.

Wasps' move to Loftus Road, as tenants of Queen's Streatham-Croydon - in Park Rangers FC, has not whom high hopes were once -worked nearly so well. The ground seems echoing and empty. Last season I saw them beat - no massacre who now find themselves Toulouse there. There was hardly a ripple of excitement.

Richmond, likewise, are Saracens have always now planning to move to a new ground at Reading, to be shared with the football club. because they never appeared Last Saturday the announcto present a threat. They er contented himself with promising to keep the fans indistinguished players: cer- formed. The villains here are tainly some players who sub- not the Richmond club but sequently distinguished the Richmond council. Many themselves such as Terry years ago, before the cluh went professional, a prominent member complained to me that the local council took no interest, still less prisingly easy to reach, once pride, in the club and, indeed, seemed keener in obstruct

> I am sad but oot surprised to see that the council are maintaining this attitude and redevelop a site which (provided the small Edwardian al for redevelopment.

> In France the local authorities are pleased to supplay in fine, modern, municipal stadiums. I wish we could

Henman's confidence on clay grows after picking off Apell

TIM HENMAN enjoyed a breakthrough of a kind on clay yesterday when he won his firstround match at the German Open in Hamhurg, one of the Me Redes Super Nine events.

The British No 2 and world 17 stormed past Jan Apell of

Henman's second victory on his of Germany 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 in a lead. least iavourite suriace inje sea son, Britain's world No 5, Greg Rusedski, has failed to win a match oo clay this year.

Freoch Open champions. Michael Chang and Sergi

Sweden 6-3, 6-2. It was only sets to overcome David Prinosil nosil's serve and jumping to a 4-1 ed his four-year drought on clay since the 1994 Italian Opeo. Bruguera defeated fellow Spaniard Jacobo Diaz 6-2, 6-1.

Chang, who was out of action Also through are the former in March with a knee injury, lost his concentration in the second set, losing the last four games. Bruguera. Chang, the 11th- But he bounced back immediseeded American, needed three ately in the third, breaking Pri-

points with service winners but Chang converted the third with a forehand winner. "I am just about 100 per cent," Chang said of his fitness. "Twe been fortunate in my career that I've had few major injuries."

Top seed Pete Sampras end-

by holding off the second seed, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 in the final of the and it's faster [than European red clay]." Sampras said. "This AT&T Challenge in Atlanta. Georgia, on Sunday.

Sampras, who regained the ever played. It was great confi-

world No 1 ranking last Mon- dence builder," added Samday, won his second ATP Tour pras who is still looking for his title of the year and 54th of his first French Open title, the career, but his first on clay only Grand Slam to elude him.

Table tennis

Sporting Digest

Dalton makes slow progress

SLOWLY hut safely the Whitbread fleet avoided any snarlups in Chesapeake Bay and set. out into the Atlantic for the eighth-leg run to La Rochelle yesterday. writea Stuart Alexander from Annapolis, Maryland.

John Kostecki gave hometown supporters a boost as he kept George Collins' Baltimorebased Chessie racing in froot, bar only just. Grant Dalton recovered from a horror show start and capitalised on the performance edge which Merit Cup has in lighter, flat-water conditions, pushing up to within 200 yards of Chessie.

Also looking less than glamorous in front of a huge spectator fleet in Annapolis was Paul Cayard but he, too, recovered to pull EF Language up to third as the first seven were bunched over 2.3 miles, with Paul Standhridge in Dennis Connor's Toshiba next to last, four miles behind. The Netherlands Roy Heiner brought up the tail, 6.6 miles astern.

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Badminton

Badminton
Sara Sankey and Ela Miles have
been left out of Englands squad for
the Uber Cup finals in Hong Kong from
15 to 24 May following a public argument during the European Championships in Sofia two weeks ago.
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Hong Kong, 15-24 May): 4 Mann (Narwitzstra), T Dheen (Escard, R Pestuney (Soucesmentile), T Haman (Derbyshed), D Kellogg
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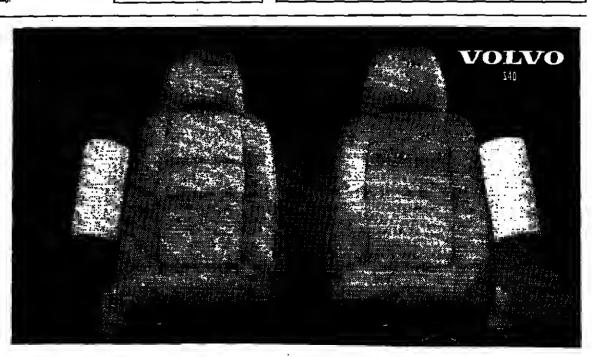
Tennis

The number of extras conceded by Leicestershire - a record for the competition - in their Benson and Hedges Cup cricket match against Warwickshire at Grace Road yesterday.

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By Guy Hodgson at The Crucible, Sheffield

NOT even Stephen Hendry and Steve Davis were able to retain the Embassy World Championship the year after they first won it, which put Ken Doherty's task in perspective in the final yesterday. History was there for the making even if, by the same token, it was hardly encouraging.

Slowly the Irishman became heartened by the score, how-

reduced that to two by the end of the penultimate session.

At its end, a score of 13-11 meant Higgins was five frames away from his first world title while Doherty was seven short of repeating his win over Stephen Hendry last year. A long night of snooker beckoned.

As the match resumed yesterday afternoon, the day was heavy with possibilities for Higgins, who had established a

with Hendry for eight years.

The £220,000 first prize would also push the Scot beyond winnings of half a million pounds for the season, only the fourth player to line his bank account in such extravagant style, the others being Hendry, Steve Davis and Jimmy White. To put it mildly, there was a lot at stake.

The first day of the final had been a mixed one for Higgins. For much he was resplendent, 10-6 lead on the first day. At 22 knocking in big breaks from al-

No 1 position that has resided what might have been because he slumhered in the early. evening to allow his opponent to mitigate a potentially match-

deciding position.

lan Doyle, Doherty's manager, felt that could be crucial: The experience of last year can only stand Ken in good stead," he said. "He's such a good match player. Ken's not played

streak of form now. "John'a style is to smack

ever. Trailing by four frames af- he not only had his first world most every Doheity error, but you in the face and leave you title within reach but the world there was still an element of cold on the deck, but I saw signs of weakness in his semi-final against Ronnie O'Sullivan."

Higgins' mission in the first session yesterday was a simple one, making sure he won at least half the frames to maintain his overnight advantage. Anything else would be a bonus. Let Doherty take the risks, let him do the chasing. "The Wizard of Wishaw"

his best snooker yet hat he's was how the compère, Alan been solid. I think he'll hit a Hughes, introduced Higgins, hut for much of the afternoon he appeared to have lost his

enough, making an early break proving resilient even though he of 39 only to lose position and the first frame thanks to Doherty's visits to the table that yielded 20, 1 and 69 points.

Higgins repulsed that with a break of 89 to take the second frame, only for Doherty to win another edgy battle with a 55 to make the score 11-8. The final riposte before the mid-session break was left to Higgins, however, with a 130, his 12th century of the tournament.

Doherty, much hetter than the previous day, had to make

wand. He began assertively inroads into a lead that was was playing the better snooker. and when he won the next two frames with hreaks of 86 and 59 to make the score 12-10 he was

The next frame was the sort that champions look back on as crucial to their victory. Doherty had a 48-31 advantage and for much of a safety battle over the yellow ball he appeared to have the upper hand. One mistake allowed Higgins in and even when he missed the brown, young men you could wish Doherty followed suit. 13-10.

sion was suitably cagey. Higgs had the first chance, making before he missed a simple into the centre pocket. Don ty replied with 42 and t trapped his opponent into i foul shots before he sealed frame with a break of 31 to duce Higgins' advantage.

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Greenwood tour doubt after butt

Rugby Union

By Chris Hewett

SOME people will do anything to avoid a tour of New Zealand. Will Greenwood, Leicester's stylish and prodigiously gifted evitably put England's most second quarter. The Falcons international centre, may or may not have succeeded in ruling himself out of the summer trip by landing a half-hearted head-butt on Newcastle's standoff and director of rugby. Roh Andrew, in the closing seconds of yesterday's comhustible contest at Gateshead, But, whatever the severity of his punishment, his imaginative approach made a refreshing change from the usual pleas of burn-out and injury.

Greenwood "walked" as the clock ticked over into injury time. Newcastle had already secured two priceless Premiership points - paid for in blood and sweat, if not tears - when Ed Morrison, generally regarded as the world's leading referee, spotted the 25-year-old Lion connecting with Andrew as the dust settled on another bonetains after a humdinger of a setto between the packs.

"It was pretty innocuous, more a kiss than a butt, but I'm afraid Ed had little choice, given the fact that be had just announced 'the next one goes' edict," said Andrew. "I'd speak up for Will if asked, of course I would; there was nothing fullhlooded about it and anyway, it was completely out of character. Had it not been for the earlier punch-up. I'm sure Ed would have taken him to one side and told him not to be so

Like everything else in Eng-

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dures are in a state of such flux that it is next to impossible to second-guess the outcome of 27 Greenwood's untimely predicament. However, the accepted rule of thumh - or, in this instance, rule of head - is that

> the southern hemisphere so-If Dean Richards was not encipline, while insisting - with a slightly unfortunate choice of good. words - that Greenwood was "not one of the game's head cases", the Leicester coach ac-

knowledged a more general lack of compusure; he was none too happy with the refereeing, either. He also delivered a wellthe Premiership favourites. "For some reason, there is a problem every time we play them," he said.

And sure enough, there were problems aplenty. Both Leicester props, Grabam Rowntree and Darren Garforth, found themselves on the wrong end of yellow cards, as shaking ruck. Six minutes pre- did Richard Arnold, the Newviously, Morrison had issued a castle flanker. Arnold and Garfirst half and the violent un-Newcastle's unashamedly physical pack turned the screw.

One member of that pack, Pat Lam, was as outstanding as he was hlameless. While Gateshead's favourite son. Brendan Foster, confined himself to running around his local athletics stadium, Lam stampeded all over it, covering every square metre of turf in a startling display of muscular ballcarrying. "He's our cutting edge," said Andrew. "The other forwards give him the free-

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

lish rugby, disciplinary proce- dom to roam and that is when he is at his most dangerous."

Dean Ryan, the Newcastle captain, had already worked Gary Armstrong over for the simplest of opening tries on 13 minutes when Lam picked an angle behind his half-backs and butting carries a 60-day sus- ran on to Jonny Wilkinson's pass pension, a penalty that would in- for a second strike early in the creative midfield talent out of were not playing particularly well but, despite a brace of Joel Stransky penalties and a Neil Back try from a perfectly exetirely happy with his side's dis- cuted line-out maul, they reached the interval 14-10 to the

They re-emerged with three fresh ball-carriers - Va'aiga Tuigamala, George Graham and Peter Walton - and their influence proved decisive. When, after 75 minutes, Walton finally made the line from close range chosen barb in the direction of after a prolonged and hostile siege of the Leicester defences, the deed was effectively done. It was left to Andrew to ruh It in with two penalties at the death, the second of which capitalised on Greenwood's flash of frustration.

"Had we lost out there, it would have been over for us," admitted Andrew. "We were locked at 14-10 for what seemed like an age and it was only when lock that we were able to relax dercurrent surfaced with a a little. But relaxation is not revengeance after the break as ally an option; we may have the winning of the Premiership in our own hands, but no one is going to lie down and give it to us. We'll have to earn it, probably

we in have to cannit, probably the hard way."

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Newcastle: S. Logg, J. Maylor, A. Teit, W. Tulgarnak, H-Ti, J. Wilkinson, T. Undarwood; H. Andrew, G. Armstrong; N. Popplewell (G. Gartam, H-Ti, R. Nesdelle, P. Van-Zundvier, G. Archer, G. Weit, P. Lam, D. Ryan (capt), R. Arnold (P. Walton, H-Ti, Lebcaster, M. Horik; G. Joines, J. Overend, W.





Newcastle and Leicester fought a bruising and bloody battle at Gateshead yesterday. Above: Tempers flare between between the forwards. Left: Newcastle's South African player Paul Van Zandvliet gets to grips with Leicester's Neil Back Below: Back is bloodied but unbowed. Leicester's coach, Dean Richards, said after the game that he did not know how Back had received his head injury Photographs: North News, Allsport, Empics



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saw him in action in Saturday's player-coach by Chris Kamara before the former Bradford French Cup final in Paris. City manager left after just 14 Foé, who can play midfield matches in charges without or defence, was on the losing side as Lens went down 2-1 to Bradford City arc trying to Paris St-Germain. sign the full-back Chris Short. Sky Sports will hroadcast soon in be out of contract at

French squad for the World

Cup, has signed a four-year con-

the Cameroon international,

Marc Vivien Foc of Lens. The

Manchester United manager

Alex Ferguson has watched

tract due to start in July.

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Southall declares an interest in Stoke job

I want to play for the cluh,"

Southall said. "I would like the

ob as manager, but there would

have to be changes. But any

time a club goes down there is

always a change of personnel,"

having achieved a victory.

Southall was signed as a

Football

By Tommy Staniforth

NEVILLE SOUTHALL wants to be Stoke City's new manager - despite their relegation to the Second Division. The former Welsh interna-

tional goalkeeper was hrought in from Everton for the last 12 games of Stoke's vain battle to avoid the drop. He was released on a free transfer from Goodison Park in March.

Stoke's caretaker manager, Alan Durban, confirmed his spell in charge was over after Sunday's 5-2 defeat by Manchester City that sealed their fate. Southall has already been in discussions with the board at the Britannia stadium.

"I want to stay at Stoke and

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rating and leisure activity (3-7) t4 A French review I almost call tame (10) 16 Concerning US conscrip-

tion one can see effect of too much expenditure? (9) Attempt to attract attention, say, and try to get money sent up (5) 22 Short body at a dance (4) 23 Centre kick involved long

ruling. The 30-year-old, who hopes to be included in the

from Sheffield United, on a free West Ham have agreed to sign the French international multaneously screen Everton's midfielder Marc Keller from the German club Karlsruhe on a

first leg of the First Division play-off semi-finals on Sunday at 1pm. At 4pm, Sky will sivital Premiership home game with Coventry and Chelsea free transfer under the Bosman against Bolton from Stamford Bridge on different channels.